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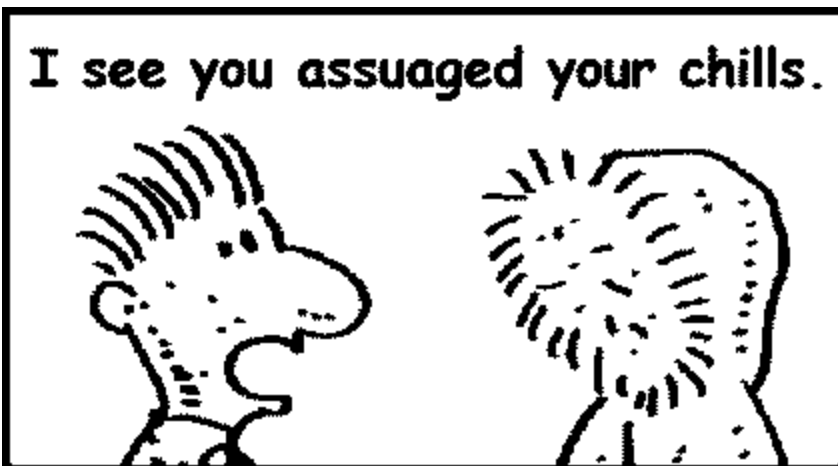


FORGO (for-goh) abandon; quit; decline.
abstaining from a desired action.

Remember: I FORGOT to GO.

Question: When don't peas appease you?

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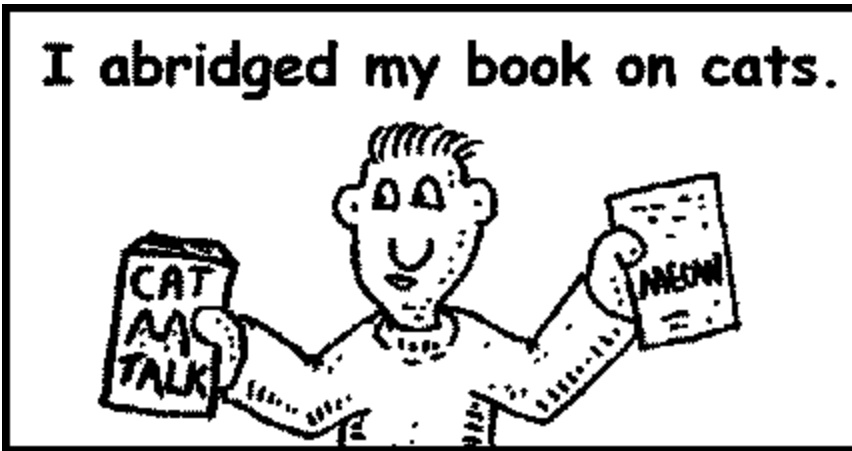


ASSUAGE (ah-swayge) abate; relieve; soothe.
making something milder or better.

Remember: SWAY and make it better.

Answer: When you don't like peas. Appease means to calm or pacify

Jan 3



ABRIDGE (ah-bridj) abbreviate; truncate; shorten.
condensing something while keeping the idea.

Remember: BRIDGE and combine words.

Question: You have punctilious punctuation. What should be done to correct it?

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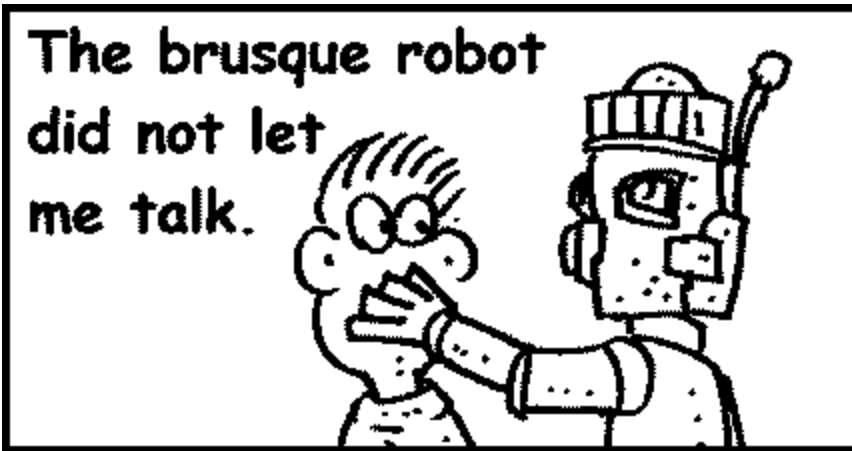


ABROGATE (ab-ro-gate) abolish; reject; nix.
agreeing to an end to something, usually a contract.

Remember: BROS close the GATE between them.

Answer: Nothing. Punctilious means doing something with care.

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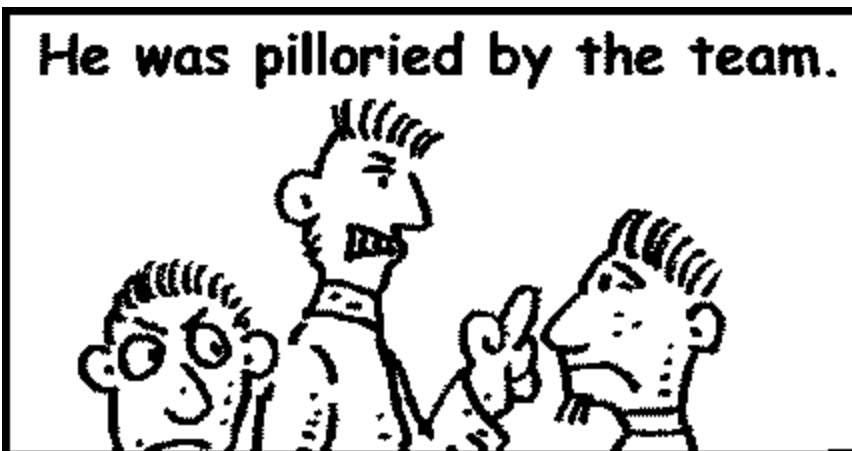


BRUSQUE (brusk) abrupt; blunt; curt.
behaving in an unfriendly and direct way.

Remember: BRUSH the wrong way.

Question: You become a sexagenarian. Why can you stay in bed all day?

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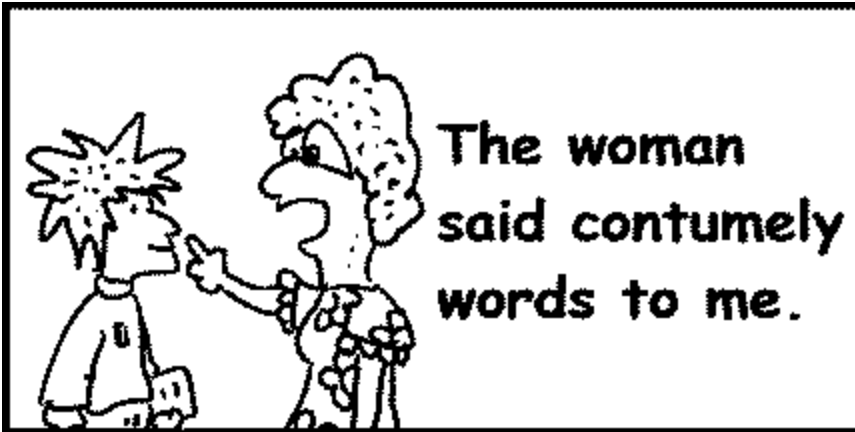


PILLORIED (pil-lor-reed) abuse; contempt; despise.
ridiculed and punished by a group.

Remember: Punish with a PILLORY.

Answer: You are probably retired. A sexagenarian is at least the age of 60 and younger than 70.

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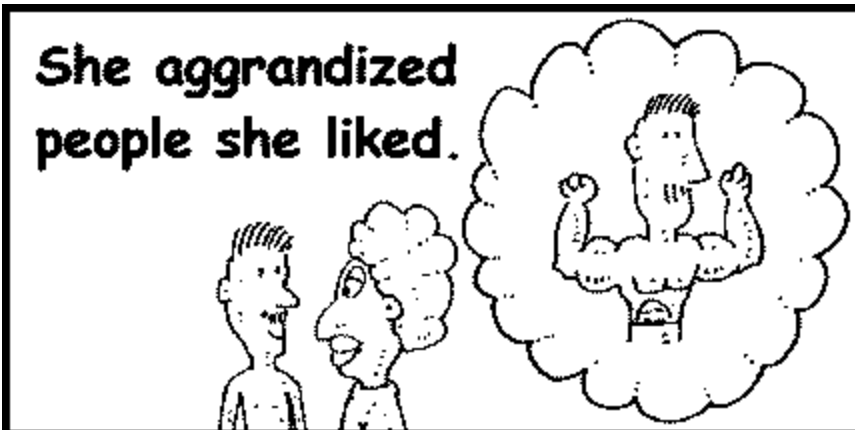


CONTUMELY (kon-toom-lee) abuse; scorn.
showing contempt or making an insult.

Remember: CON TO ME.

Question: I say your fame is ephemeral. Why do I talk about fifteen minutes?

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AGGRANDIZE (ah-grand-eyes) acclaim; glorify;
making it out to be bigger than it is.

Remember: GRAND in our EYES.

Answer: I probably mean the fifteen minutes of fame when someone is famous for a short time.

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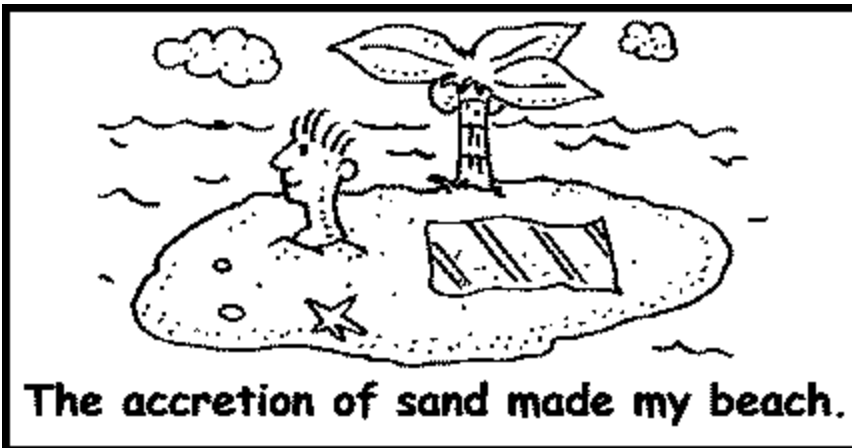


LAUDATION (law-day-shun) accolade; acclaim; praising someone by giving a speech.

Remember: A LORD before a NATION.

Question: You get comments on the inelegance of your hat. What will you probably do next?

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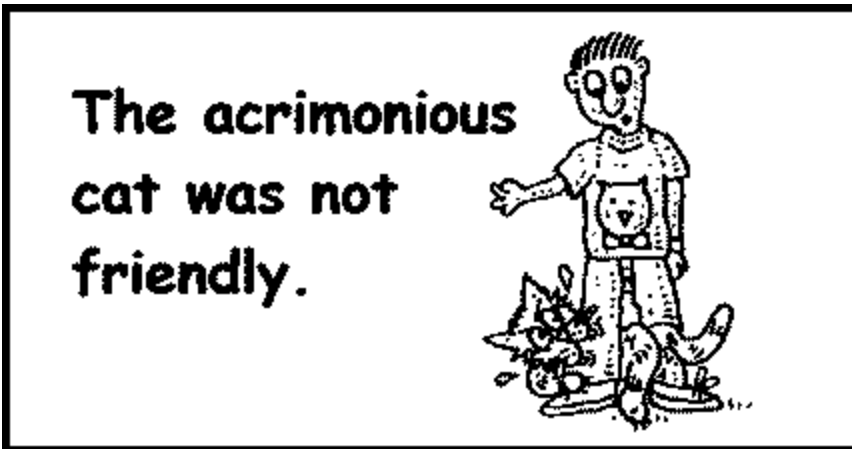


ACCRETION (ah-kre-shun) increment; addition; gradually growing by an outside source.

Remember: ADDITION.

Answer: Stop wearing the hat. Inelegance means ungraceful or crude.

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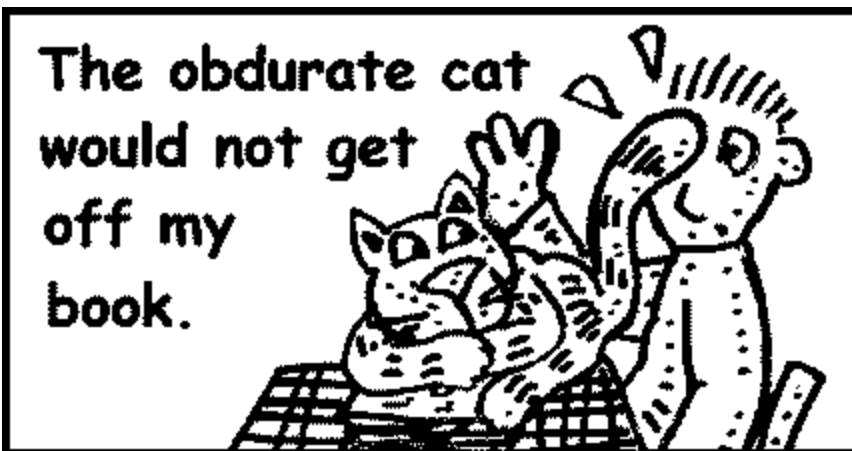


ACRIMONIOUS (ack-kre-moan-ee-us) acrid; bitter.
behaving in a bitter or caustic way.

Remember: ACRID so MOAN US.

Question: What kind of phrase is a banal one?

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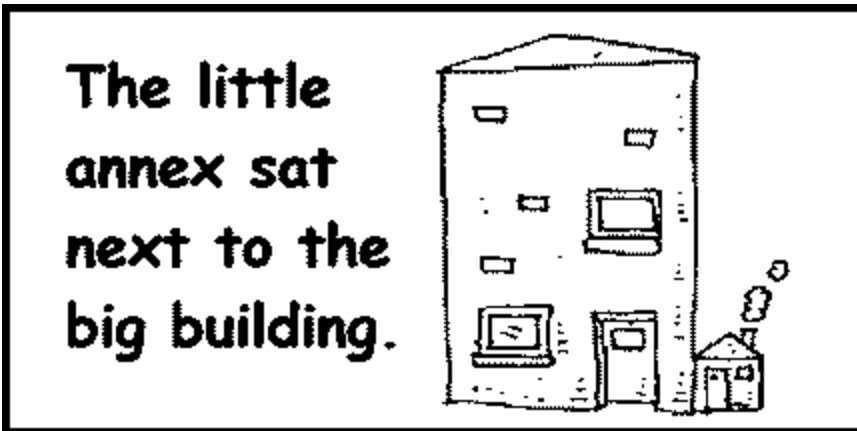


OBDURATE (ob-ger-rayt) adamant; harsh; dogged;
stubborn and indifferent to advice.

Remember: OBJECT at a fast RATE.

Answer: A banal phrase is a boring saying

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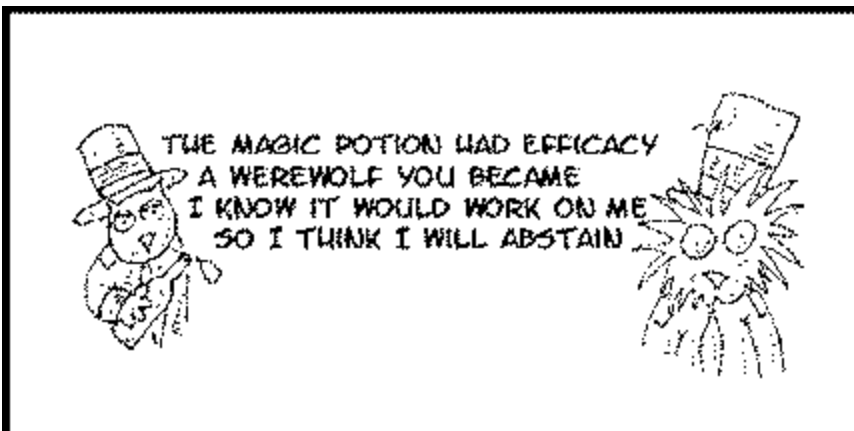


ANNEX (an-neks) addition; attachment; appendix; an extension to an existing building.

Remember: A NEXT

Question: How many utters does a cow have?

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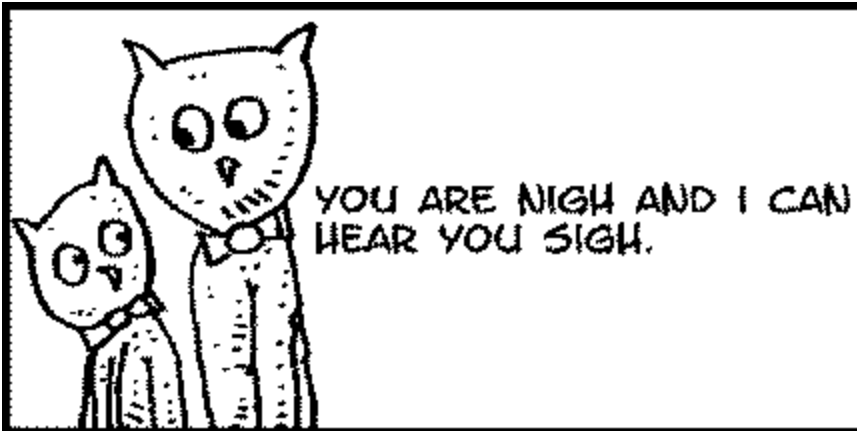


EFFICACY (ef-fah-ka-see) effectiveness; potency; producing a positive and strong effect.

Remember: EFFICIENTLY.

Answer: None. Cows can't talk. The meaning of Utter is to talk. Cows have udders.

Jan 15



NIGH (nye) adjacent; bordering; near; close or near.

Remember: So near I SIGH.

Question: You give your cat a quibble and a bowl of pasteurised milk. Why is it not eating?

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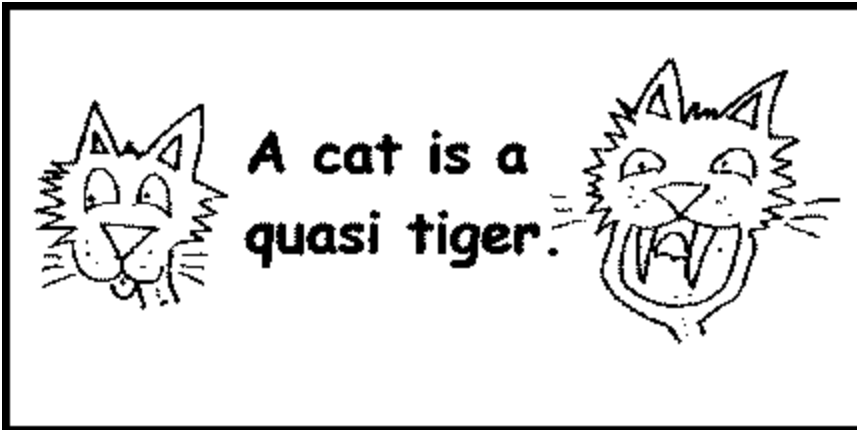


UPBRAID (up-brayed) admonish; castigate; censure: blaming or scolding.

Remember: UP BRAY when we scold.

Answer: Quibble means to argue. You gave your cat an argument.

Jan 17



QUASI (kwa-zeye) alike; partly; so-called; resembling or being alike.

Remember: QUA to our EYE (Qua means being).

Question: You walk in the woods. You enjoy the preternatural scenery. Why do you feel funny?

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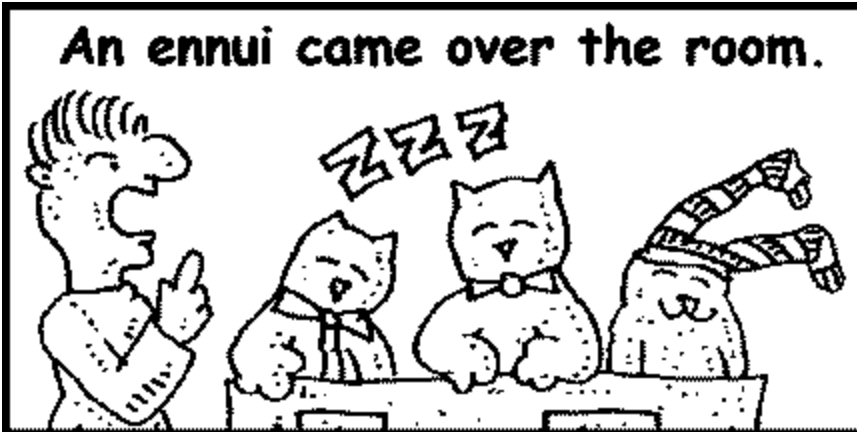


ENVENOM (en-ven-nom) anger; enrage; infuriate; angering another with your actions.

Remember: Put IN VENOM and anger.

Answer: Preternatural means being unusual. You feel funny because the scenery is unusual and strange.

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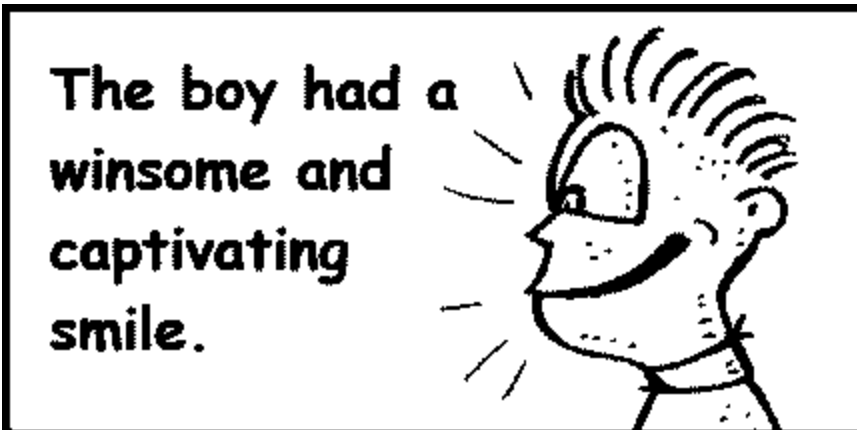


ENNUI (on-we) apathy; melancholy; weariness; tired and bored.

Remember: Boredom is ON WE.

Question: We are walking to the dress shop. You trip and I catch you. I say, "You are abreast to me." Why did I say that?

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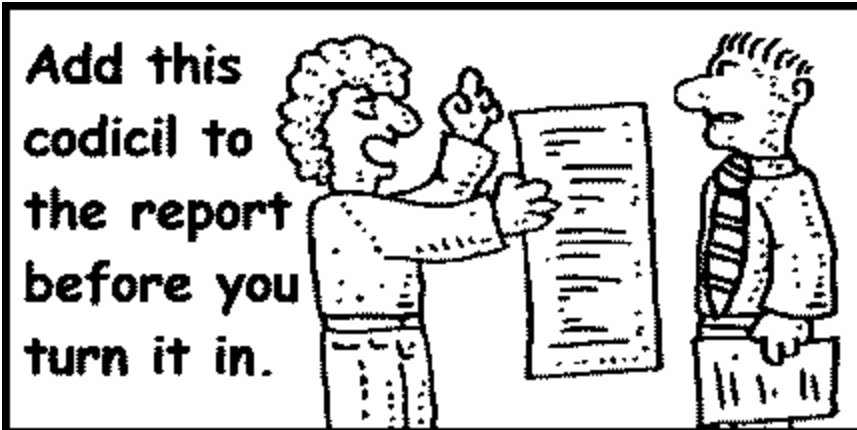


WINSOME (win-sum) appealing; captivating; causing joy or pleasure.

Remember: WIN SOME when we captivate.

Answer: We are walking side-by-side. Abreast means side-by-side.

Jan 21



CODICIL (kod-dis-sil) appendix; postscript; an addition to a document.

Remember: CO (partner) DICTIONARY.

Question: We are at the zoo and you are lionized. Your nametag is blank. How do I know who you are?

Jan 22



ACCEDE (ah-seed) approve; concede; yield; consent and agreement.

Remember: We ACCEPT and CEDE.

Answer: Lionized means to be treated like a famous person. I know your name because you are famous.

Jan 23



AMOROUS (am-or-us) ardent; attracted; romantic; lusting after another.

Remember: We are in AMOUR or love.

Question: Your dinner is a delicious diminution of a meal. How full are you?

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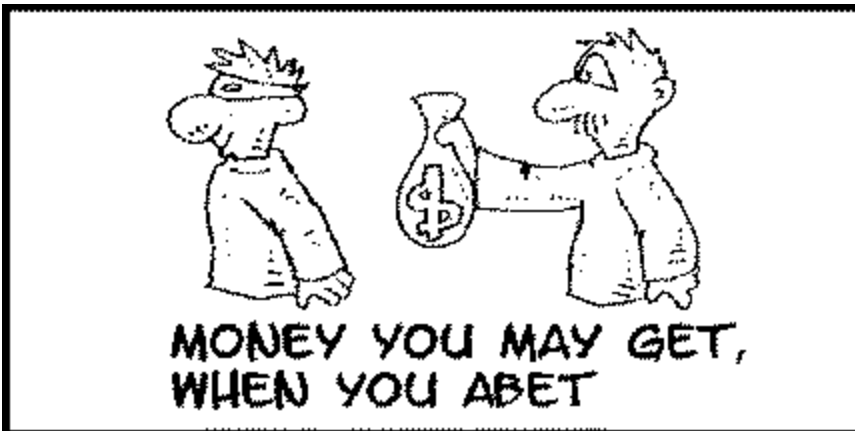


EXPOSTULATE (ex-potch-chew-late) argue; reasoning earnestly with strong protest.

Remember: We EX press and POSTULATE.

Answer: You are not full. Diminution means to get smaller. Your meal is smaller.

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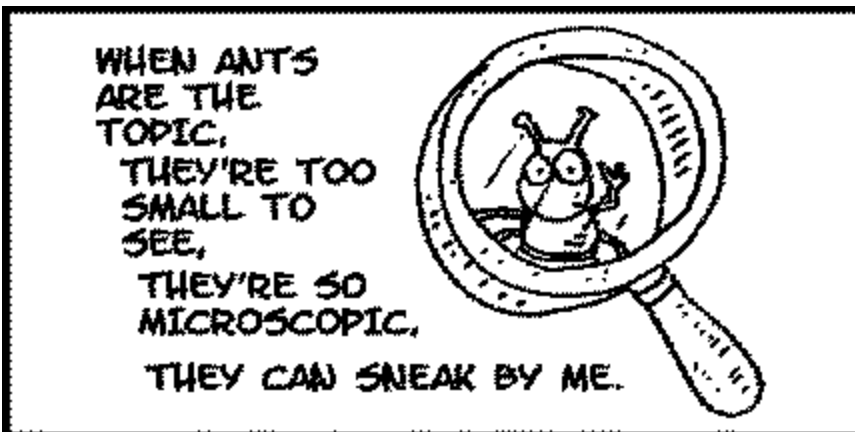


ABET (ah-bet) assist; prod; support;
helping to carry out of a plan.

Remember: We BET you will help.

Question: A denizen comes into the house. You run out. The denizen
chases you down the street. What are you?

Jan 26



MICROSCOPIC (mike-cro-scop-ick) minute; teeny;
too small to see by the eye.

Remember: MICROSCOPE is needed.

Answer: A robber. A denizen is a resident. The person lives there and you
do not.

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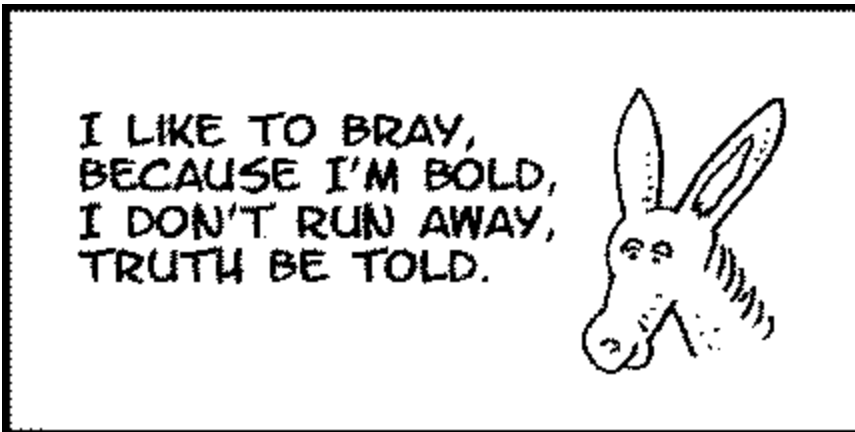


AESTHETIC (ah-stet-tik) attractive; artistic.
the appreciation of beauty.

Remember: ARTISTIC

Question: I am incurious about the package. I prod and poke it. It has a maroon ribbon. How fast do I open it?

Jan 28



BRAZEN (bray-zen) audacious; brash; bold;
bold without caring about shame.

Remember: BRAY when bold.

Answer: Not fast at all. Incurious means not being interested.

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**He lived an
ascetic life
since he was
stranded on a
desert island.**



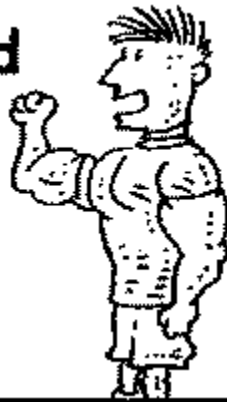
ASCETIC (ah-set-tik) austere; stark; frugal;
great self-control

Remember: SCEPTIC will not do it.

Question: You espy a snake. It has speckles and coral eyes. Why don't you run away?

Jan 30

**Forbear junk food
and you will get
in great shape.**

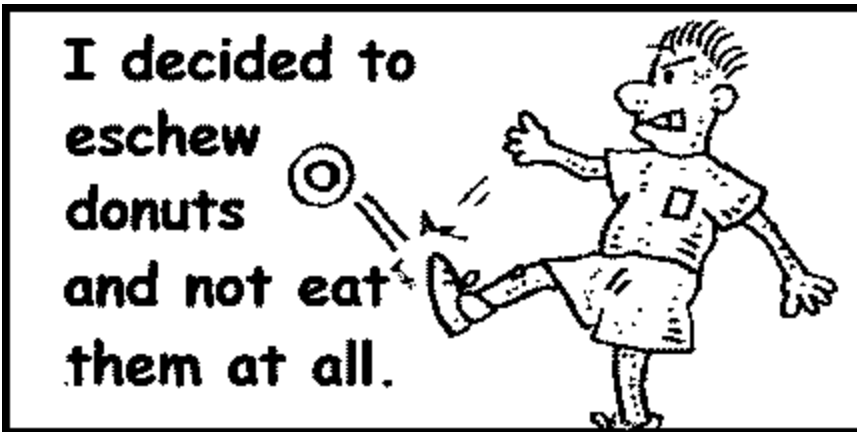


FORBEAR (for-bare) avoid; abstain; refrain;
not doing something on purpose.

Remember: FOR it is BARE when we do not do it.

Answer: Espy means to see from far away. It is not near you.

Jan 31



ESCHEW (es-shoo) avoid; shun; abandon; abstaining by staying away.

Remember: ESCAPE CHEW and not eat.

Question: Your friend is lonely. You send her a massive missive. Why does she enjoy it?

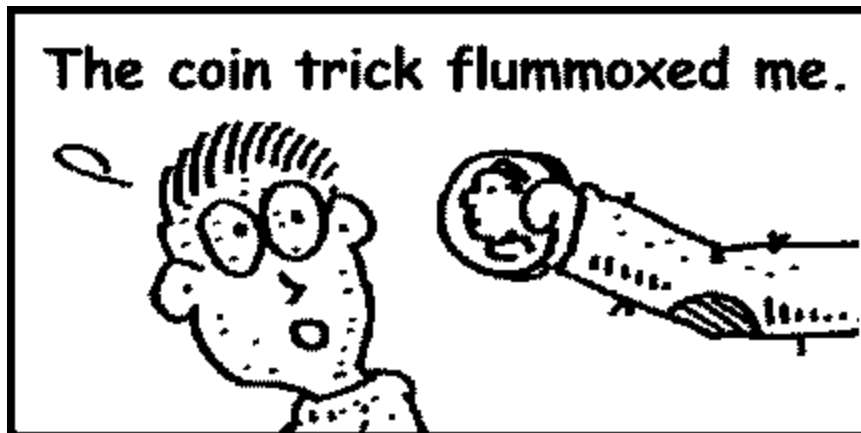
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SCUTTLEBUTT (skud-del-but) hearsay; rumour; spreading gossip without verifying the truth.

Remember: SCUTTLE by and say BUT.

Answer: You sent her a big letter. A missive is a communication sent by mail.



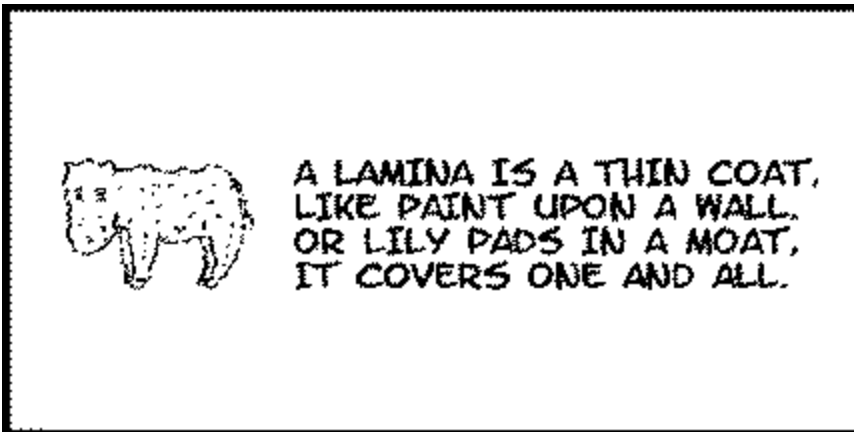
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FLUMMOX (flum-mux) baffle; puzzle; mystify; confusion or bewilderment.

Remember: FLUB like a dumb OX.

Question: You go to a laudation and bring clothes. Why did your clothes not get cleaned?

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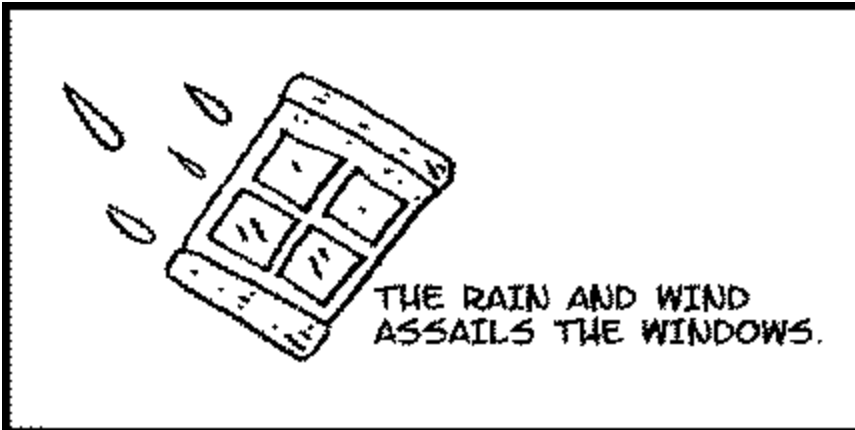


LAMINA (lam-in-ah) bark; sheet; coat; a coating with a thin layer.

Remember: A LAMB IN A white wool.

Answer: A laudation is a tribute. Someone is praised with a speech at a laudation. No laundry will be washed.

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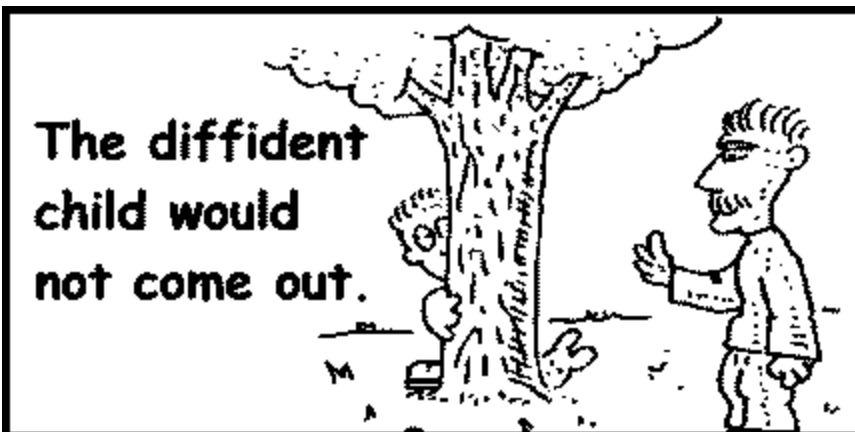


ASSAIL (ah-sale) bash; blast; slam; attacking violently.

Remember: ASSAULT when you attack.

Question: Your friend says his hat is expensive. You say, "Your hat is ignoble." Why does your friend look at you funny?

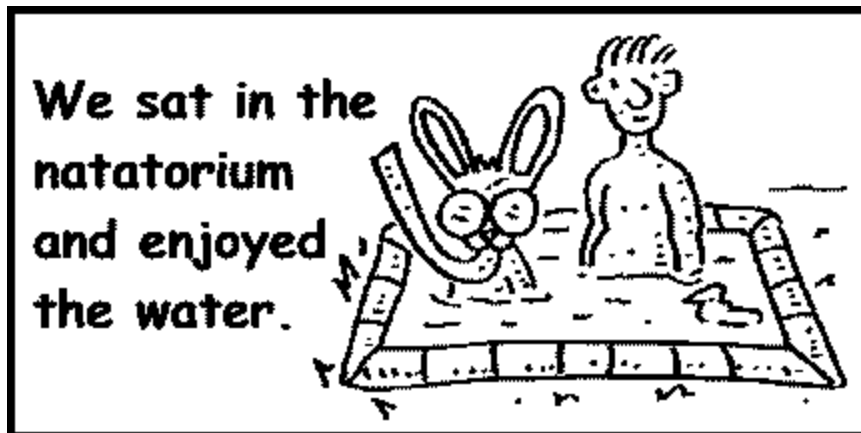
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DIFFIDENT (dif-fi-dent) bashful; meek; unsure; lacking in confidence.

Remember: Being DIFFERENT DENTS confidence.

Answer: Ignoble means inferior.



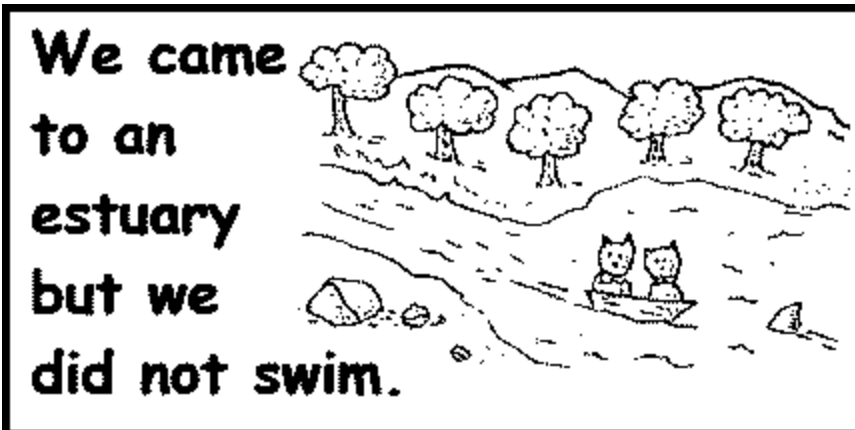
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NATATORIUM (nah-tah-tore-ee-um) bath; pool; swimming pool or bath.

Remember: NATURAL AQUARIUM.

Question: Your car is stagnant. You push the pedal down. It quickly goes at a vapid pace. What do you probably do next?

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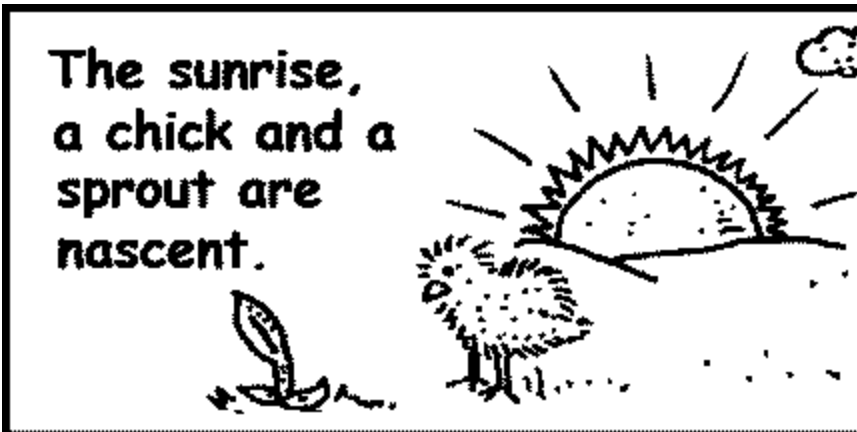


ESTUARY (es-chew-air-re) bay; gulf; cove; body of water where a river meets the ocean.

Remember: IT'S TO AIRY water.

Answer: Get out of the car. Vapid means being lifeless or unanimated. The car is not moving.

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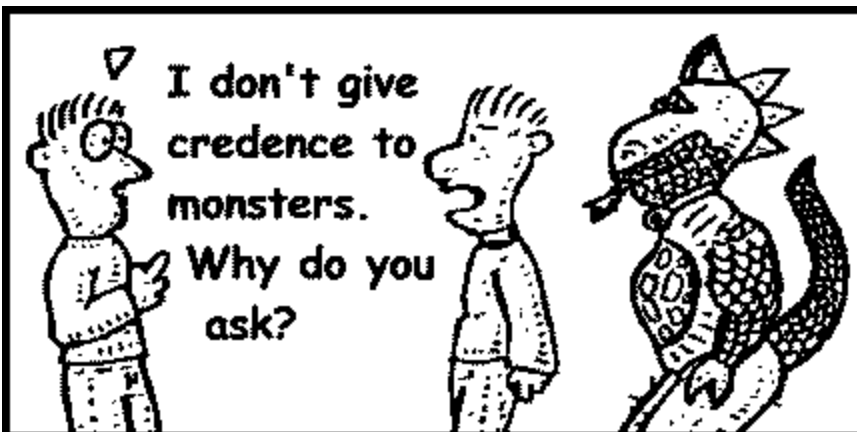


NASCENT (na-sent) beginning; promising; growing; new start of a thing that will continue a long time.

Remember: ASCENT with the first step.

Question: You find broccoli to be flocculent. You eat it anyway. A scent wafts from you. Why do I not leave the room?

Feb 9



CREDENCE (kre-dense) belief; trust; acceptance; believing an idea without evidence

Remember: It's CREDIBLE.

Answer: Flocculent means clumpy like wool. Broccoli is clumpy. The scent is probably perfume.

Feb 10



CASTIGATE (cast-ee-gayt) berate; lecture; scold; criticizing in an angry way.

Remember: CAST out and close the GATE.

Question: You have a ram in your bunk. Why do you call it rambunctious?

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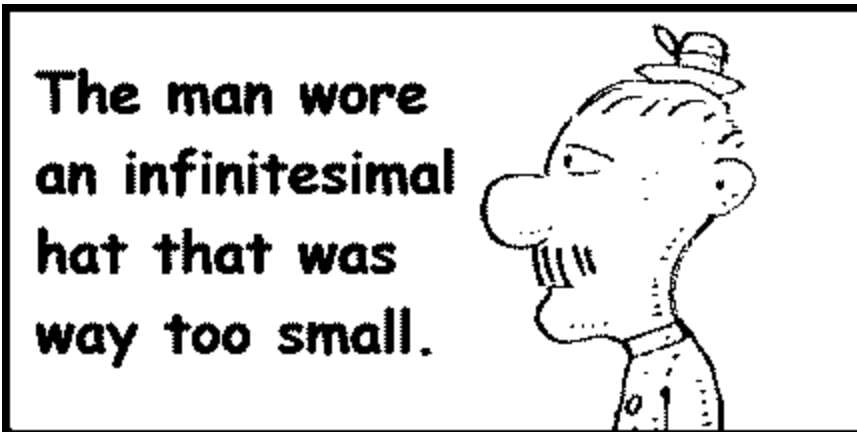


ACERBIC (ah-sir-bick) bitter; sour; cutting; harsh or acrid attitude.

Remember: ACE at BICKER is a bitter person.

Answer: It is out of control. Rambunctious means loud and out of control.

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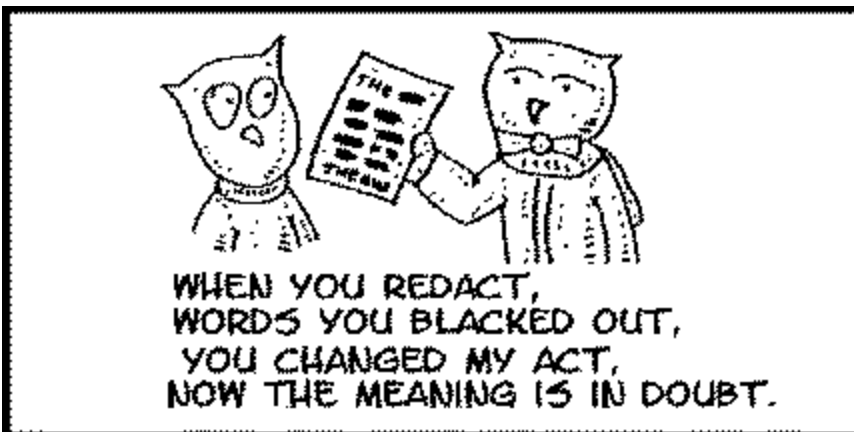


INFINITESIMAL (in-fin-ee-tes-ee-mal) bitty; tiny; tiny or extremely small.

Remember: INFINITELY SMALL.

Question: You say, "This chocolate cake is dank!" Do you eat it?

Feb 13



REDACT (re-dakt) black out; obscure; ink out; edit out words by blacking them out.

Remember: RED out FACT.

Answer: No. Dank means: being unpleasantly moist. It is probably too soggy.

Wearing that to a business meeting is a big faux pas.



Feb 14

FAUX PAS (fo-pa) blunder; error; misstep; etiquette mistake, especially in public.

Remember: FAKE PASS we should not make.

Question: I like to cajole you. What am I doing?

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The intrepid mouse scared the big cat.

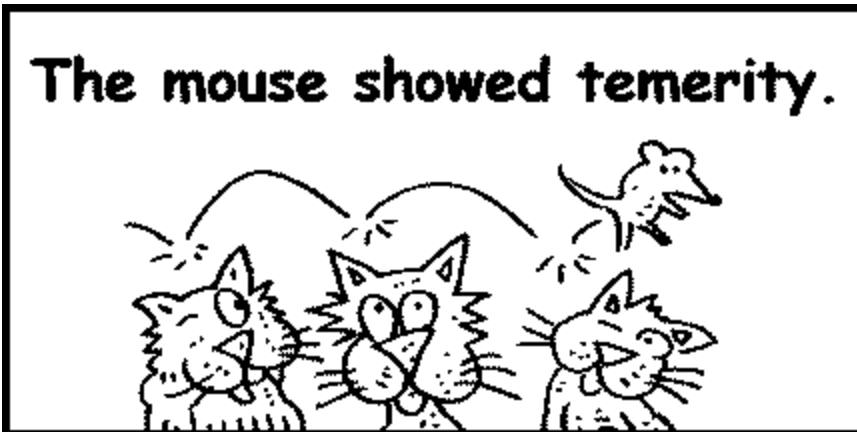


INTREPID (in-trep-pid) bold; courageous; valiant; brave and having no fear.

Remember: INTIMIDATE others.

Answer: I am coaxing you. I am using flattery to convince you to do something.

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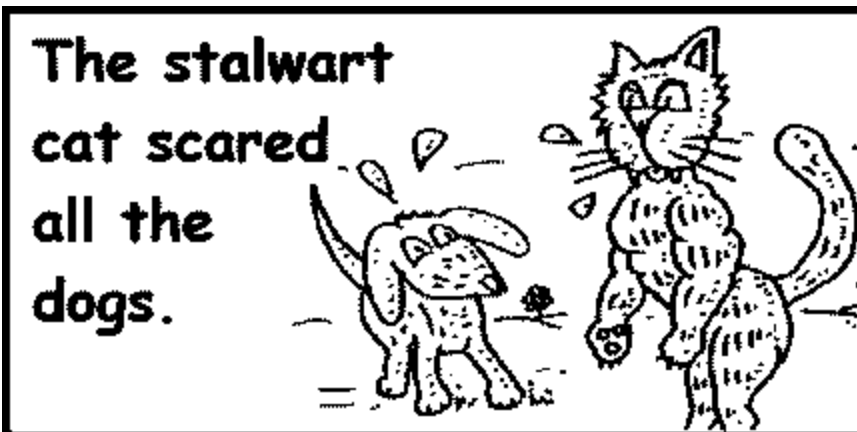


TEMERITY (tem-mer-rit-tee) bold; daring; nerve; being foolish and unafraid of danger.

Remember: MERIT praise for ME.

Question: You climb up and addle your horse. You grab the reigns and shout "Tally-ho!" Why don't you go anywhere?

Feb 17



STALWART (stal-wart) bold; robust; strong; strength and power.

Remember: STALL WART when strong.

Answer: Addle means to confuse. You confused your horse.

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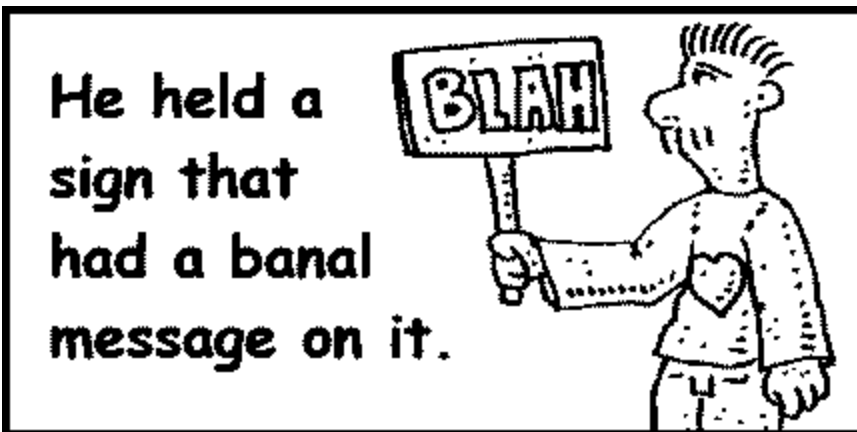


VAPID (va-pid) boring; dull; tedious; lifeless or unanimated.

Remember: A VAPOUR IDEA is boring.

Question: The snow is getting ubiquitous. Did it quit snowing?

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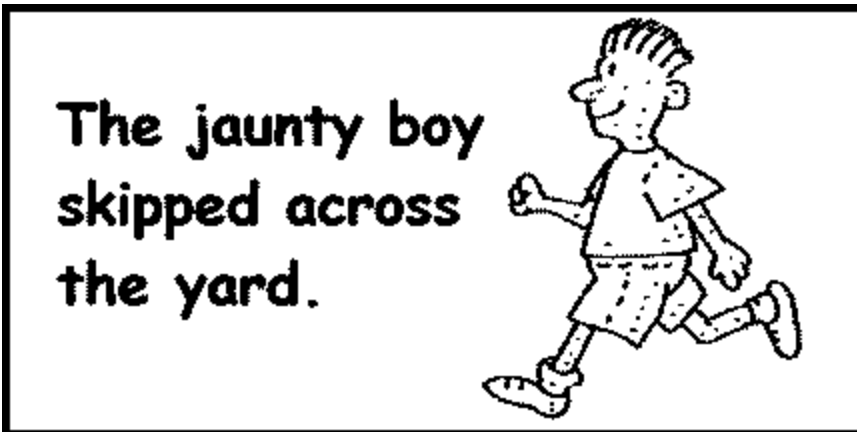


BANAL (bay-nal) boring; trite; bland; common and dull saying.

Remember: BAN ALL boring sayings.

Answer: No. Ubiquitous means being everywhere. The snow is more everywhere because it is still snowing.

Feb 20



JAUNTY (jawn-tee) bouncy; brisk; lively; perky and filled with pleasure.

Remember: JUMPY when happy.

Question: You serve a chicken dinner with verve and ketchup. Was dinner enjoyable?

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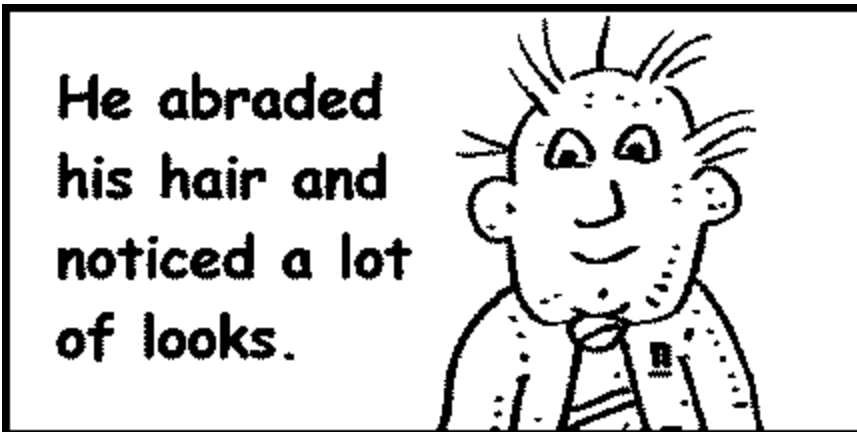


CHARY (chairy) cautious; cagey; hesitant; wary and guarded.

Remember: WARY when cautious.

Answer: Yes. Verve means enthusiasm. You served it with excitement and energy.

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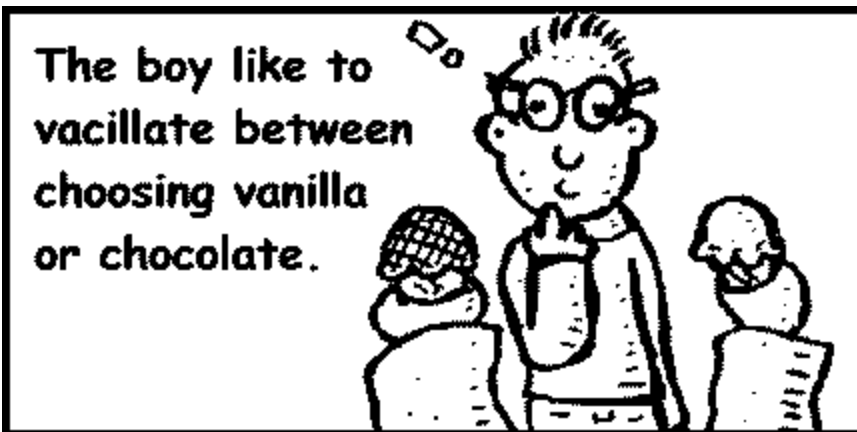


ABRADE (ah-brayde) chafe; erode; wear; wearing down by rubbing.

Remember: BRAID it by doing it over and over.

Question: You want to adopt a dog. You decide to take a furlough. What kind of dog did you adopt?

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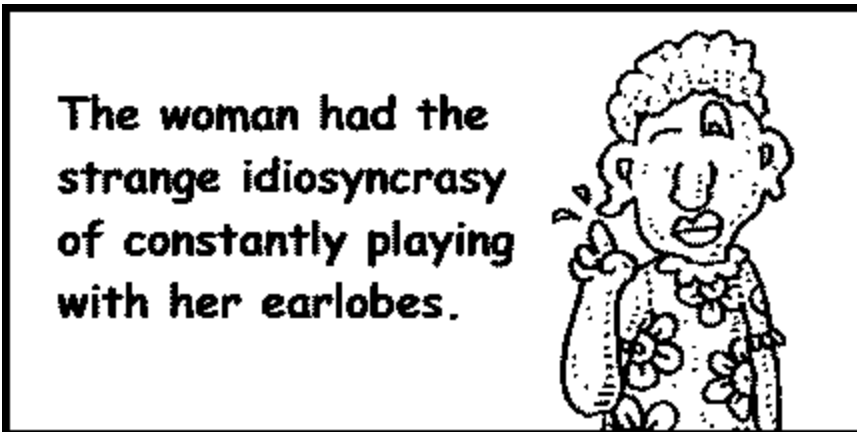


VACILLATE (va-sel-layte) change; teeter; seesaw; going back and forth between two extremes.

Remember: VACATE and come back LATER.

Answer: You did not adopt a dog. You took a vacation. A furlough is a vacation or time away from work.

Feb 24



IDIOSYNCRASY (id-ee-oh-sink-kras-ee) quirk; physical or mental habit.

Remember: An IDIOT SYNCHRONIZES habits.

Question: I tell you, "You are transparent and nigh to me." How do you know we will talk again?

Feb 25



JABBER (ja-bur) chatter; utter; babble; speaking fast in an unclear way.

Remember: You JAB your words like a BUR.

Answer: Being nigh is to be near. You are close and we will talk again.

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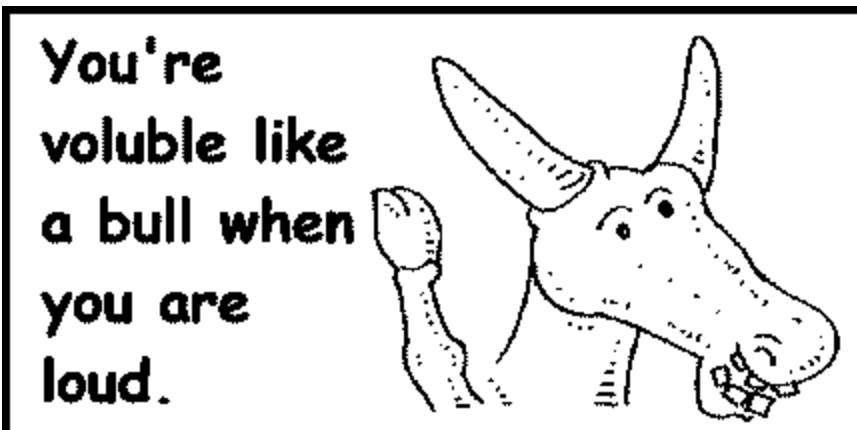


GARRULOUS (gar-rule-lus) chatty; blabby; talking about boring or trivial things.

Remember: GARISH when trifles **RULE US**.

Question: The bride and groom are standing under a gazette on the lawn. It starts raining. Why do they get soaked?

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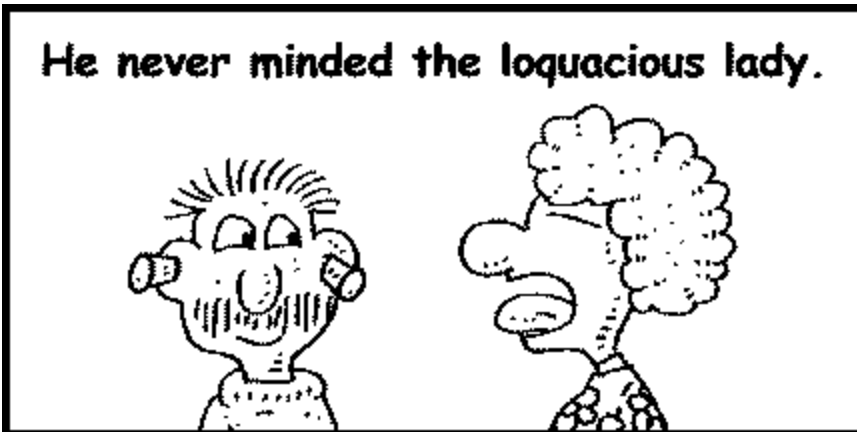


VOLUBLE (vol-you-bul) chatty; gabby; mouthy; talkative and loud.

Remember: **VOLUME** is like a **BULL**.

Answer: A gazette is a newspaper. It hardly covers both of them.

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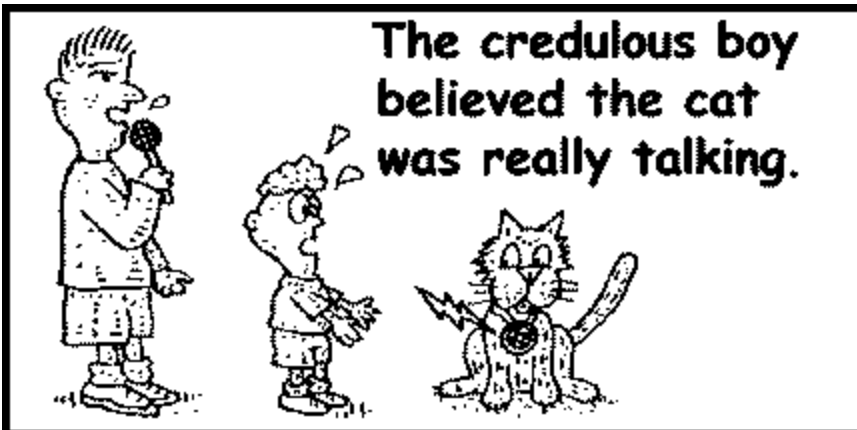


LOQUACIOUS (lo-qway-she-yowse) chatty; wordy; talking too much or too freely.

Remember: LONG words like AQUA to US.

Question: You vacillate in front of me. Why is it annoying?

Mar 1



CREDULOUS (kred-you-lus) gullible; trusting; easily tricked or fooled.

Remember: So CREDIBLE it fools US.

Answer: You change your mind a lot. Vacillate means to go back and forth.

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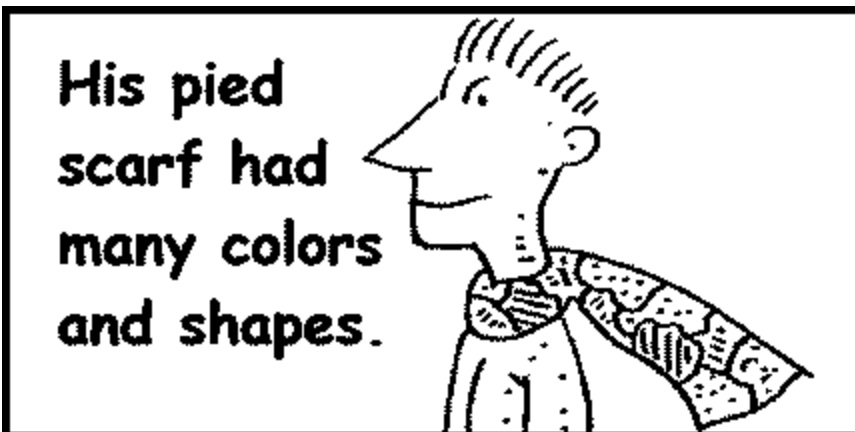


CALICO (kal-lik-ko) checkered; patterned; colorful; different colours and random shapes.

Remember: CALICO cat has many colours.

Question: You worry about the minutia by the hour. How many minutes will you worry?

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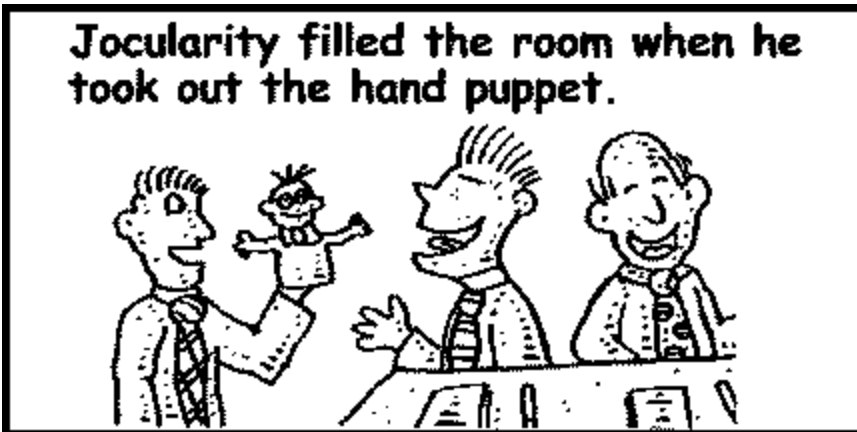


PIED (pyed) checkered; speckled; flecked; composed of many colours.

Remember: PIE can be in colorful pieces.

Answer: Not many. Minutia means small details or unimportant things. Small things are nothing to worry about

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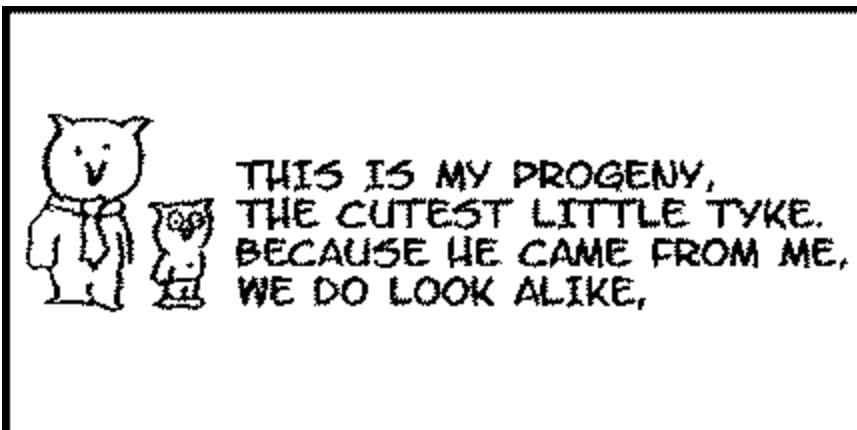


JOCULARITY (jok-you-lar-rit-tee) cheer; glee; joking in a humorous way.

Remember: JOKE with CLARITY.

Question: You tie a cummerbund in your hair. Why does everyone look at you funny?

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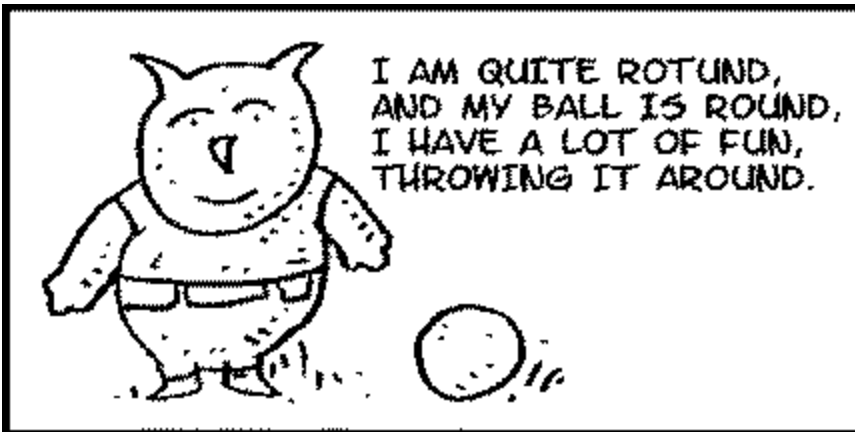


PROGENY (prodge-gen-nee) children; seed; spawn; descendants or offspring.

Remember: PROGRESS is ANY baby.

Answer: A cummerbund is a sash worn around the waist.

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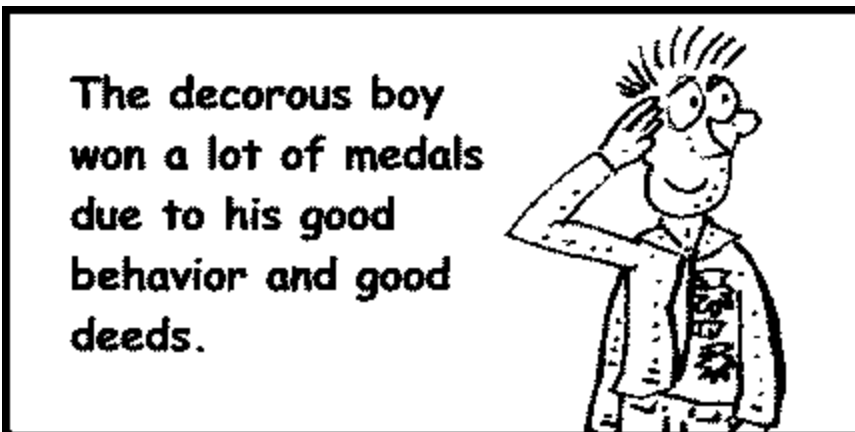


ROTUND (row-ton-d) chubby; plump; circular; roundly shaped as a perfect sphere.

Remember: ROUND.

Question: You buy geraniums for a decennium. How do I know you bought a lot of geraniums?

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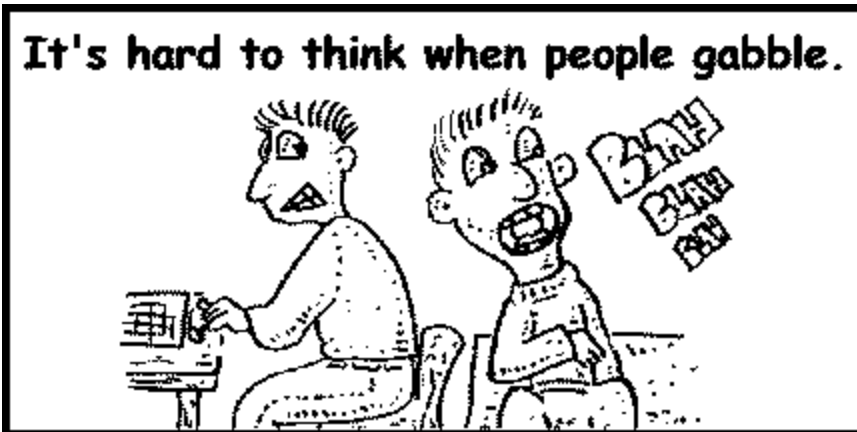


DECOROUS (dek-or-us) civilized; conforming; good mannered and well behaved.

Remember: Good DECOR is around US.

Answer: A decennium is a decade. You bought geraniums for a decade. You have lots by now.

Mar 8



GABBLE (ga-bul) clatter; drivel; blab; unclear noises or incoherent sounds.

Remember: Cannot understand GOBBLE noises.

Question: I flummox you with a stick over and over. What have I done to you?

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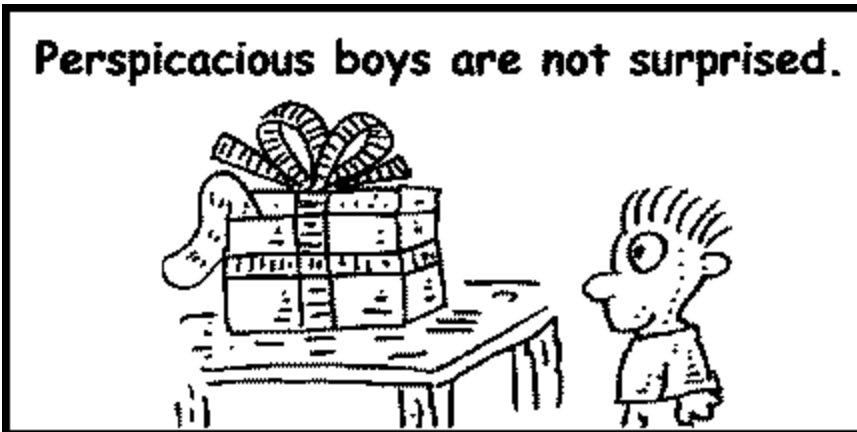


ABLUTION (ah-blew-shun) cleansing; washing; bathing your body with water.

Remember: A SOLUTION cleans us.

Answer: I confused you. Flummox means to confuse or bewilder. I confused you with a stick over and over.

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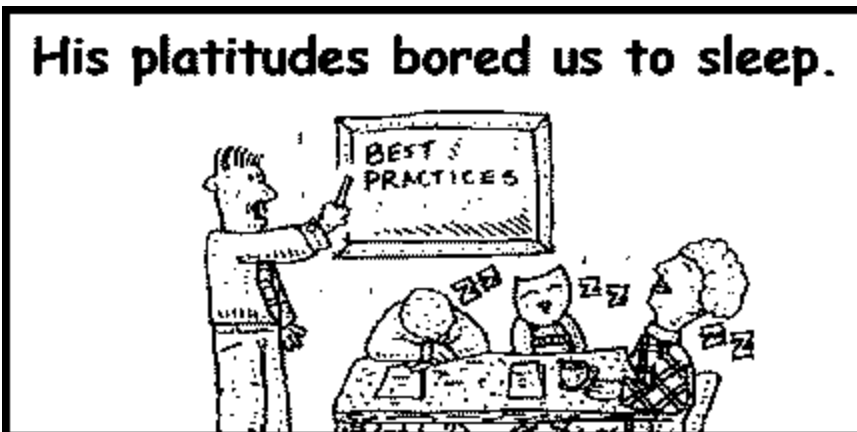


PERSPICACIOUS (per-spee-kay-shish) clever; insightful and wise.

Remember: PERSPECTIVE is TENACIOUS.

Question: There is a white lamina sitting on your car. You have a leash and a small shovel. How do you get it off your car?

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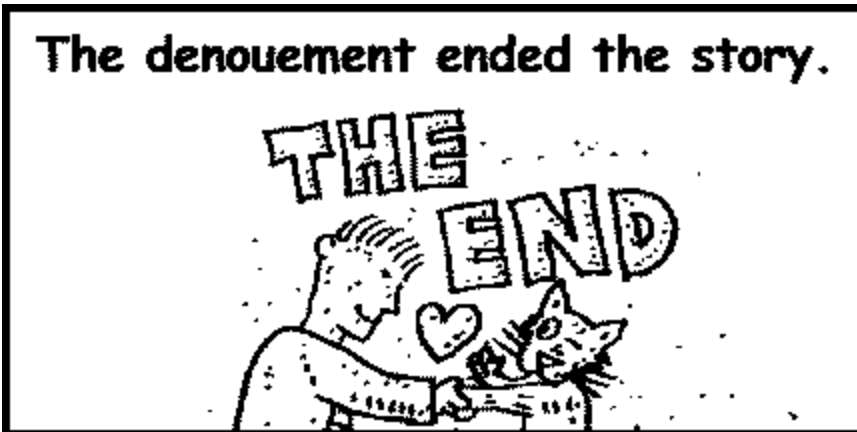


PLATITUDE (pla-tit-tood) cliché; trite; banal; overused, dull and boring saying.

Remember: FLAT ATTITUDE is boring.

Answer: You shovel it off. The white lamina is snow.

Mar 12



DENOUEMENT (de-new-mah) finale; ending; climax or conclusion of a complicated drama.

Remember: END comes after MOVEMENT.

Question: You eat dinner with your friend. She burps and says her gestation is done. What will you probably do next?

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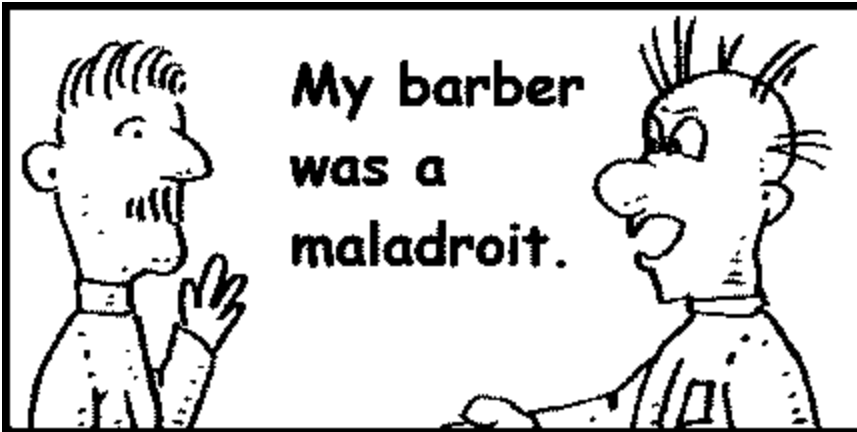


APEX (ay-peks) climax; topmost; highest; uppermost point.

Remember: A PEAK is the highest point.

Answer: Get her to a hospital! She is having a baby! Gestation means being pregnant.

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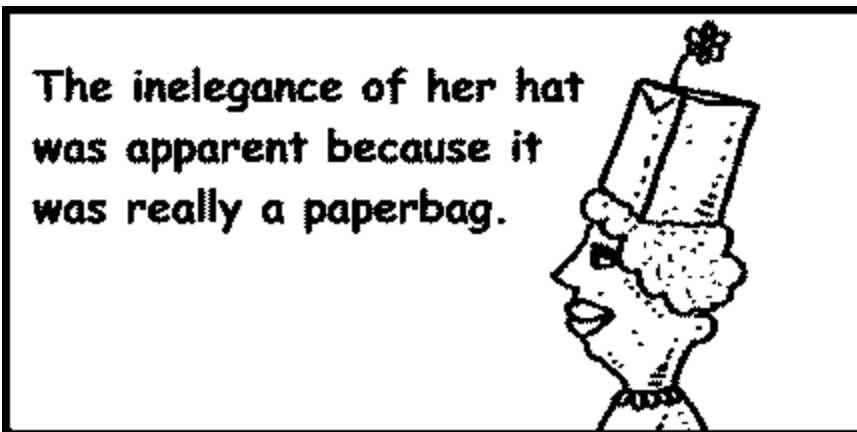


MALADROIT (mal-ah-droyt) clumsy; inept; poorly skilled.

Remember: A MAL ADROIT is poor skill.

Question: You stand by your air conditioner and venerate your living room. Why are you still hot?

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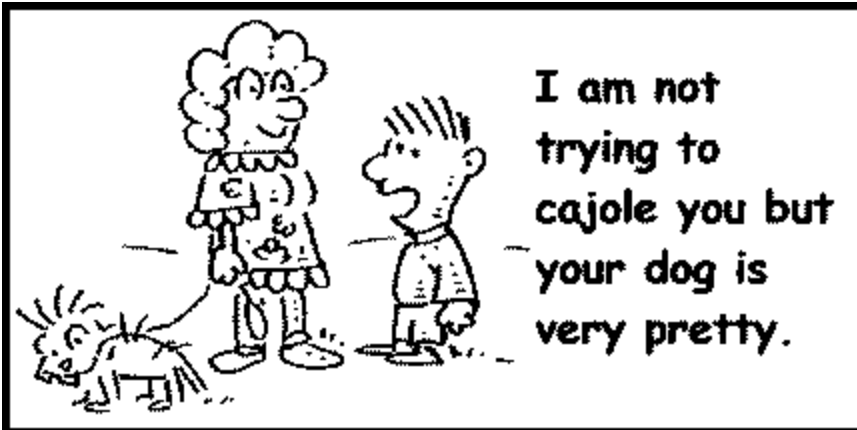


INELEGANCE (in-el-leg-ants) coarse; unpolished; crudely ungraceful characteristics.

Remember: It is UN ELEGANT.

Answer: Venerate means to admire. You are admiring your living room. You are not cooling it.

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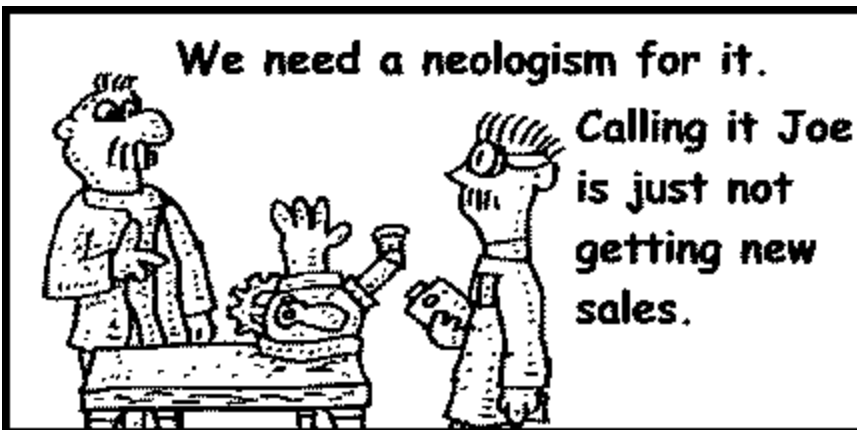


CAJOLE (ka-joel) coax; persuade; entice; persuading by using false flattery.

Remember: A CAGEY OLE friend can persuade.

Question: You sit next to me. You burp and you are eupeptic. Will I be happy sitting next to you?

Mar 17



NEOLOGISM (nee-ol-la-jiz-am) coinage; slang; new phrase or expression.

Remember: A NEW LOG explains an ISM.

Answer: Yes. Eupeptic means to be in good spirits. Happy.

Mar 18



CONFRERE (con-frair) colleague; co-worker; sharing an association with a fellow worker.

Remember: CONTACT with a FRIEND.

Question: You win because I evince you. You pinch yourself. What have I done to you?

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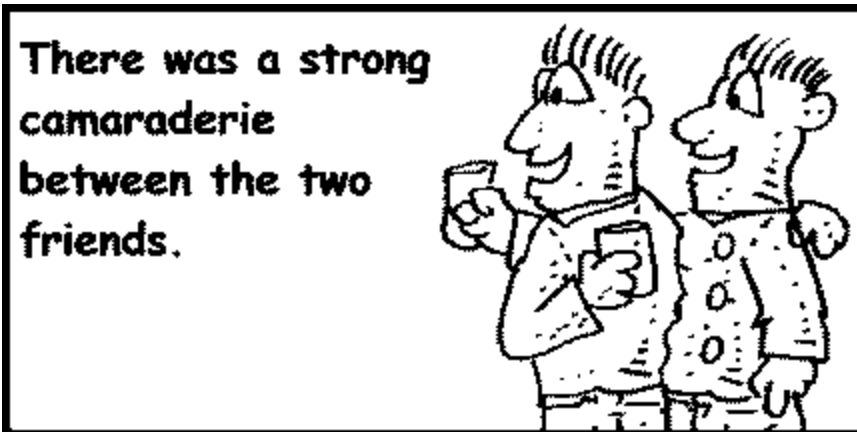


RIPOSTE (re-post) comeback; quip; retort; replying in a fast and sharp way.

Remember: I RIP your POST to shreds.

Answer: I proved something to you. Evince means to prove or show to be true.

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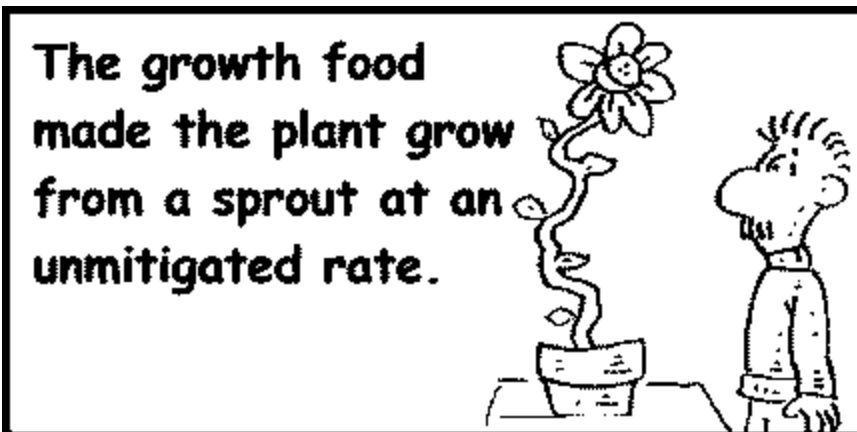


CAMARADERIE (kam-mar-rod-er-ree) fellowship; close friendships among a group.

Remember: COMRADES with ME.

Question: Would you invite a priggish person to your party? Would they be fun or a drag?

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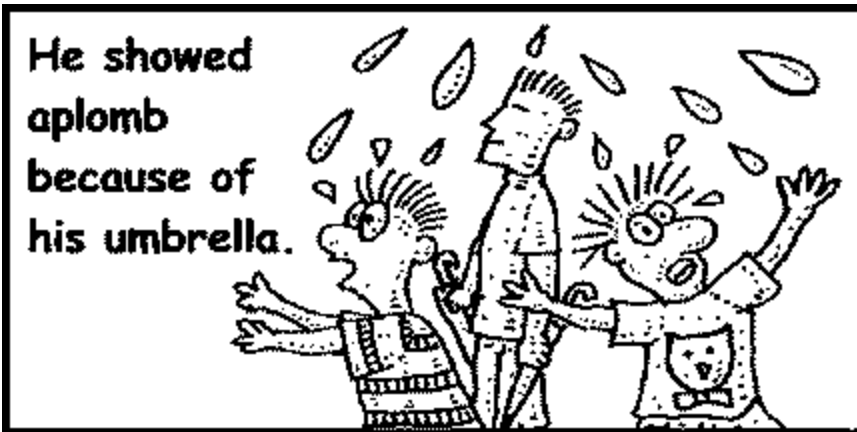


UNMITIGATED (un-mit-tee-gayt-ted) complete; total and not reducing.

Remember: UN METERED or GATED.

Answer: No. They would irritate you because they follow all rules and insist you do too.

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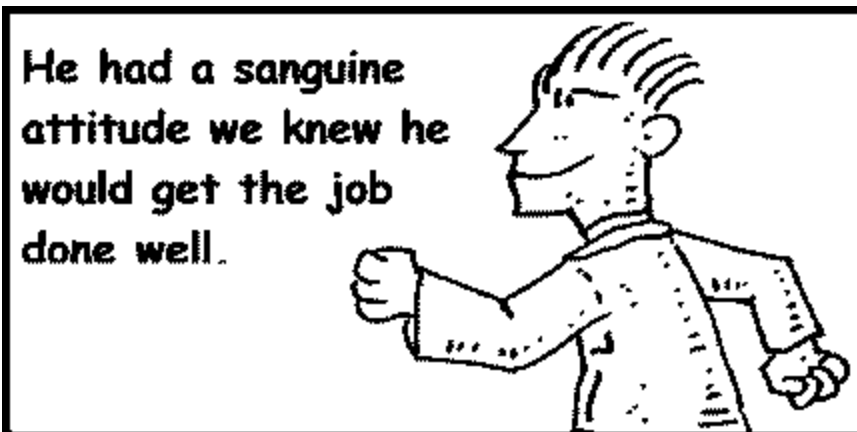


APLOMB (ah-plum) confidence; poise; assurance; calmly assured in manner and action.

Remember: A PLUMB job when confident.

Question: You purse your lips and let out an afflatus. You smile at me. Do I leave the room?

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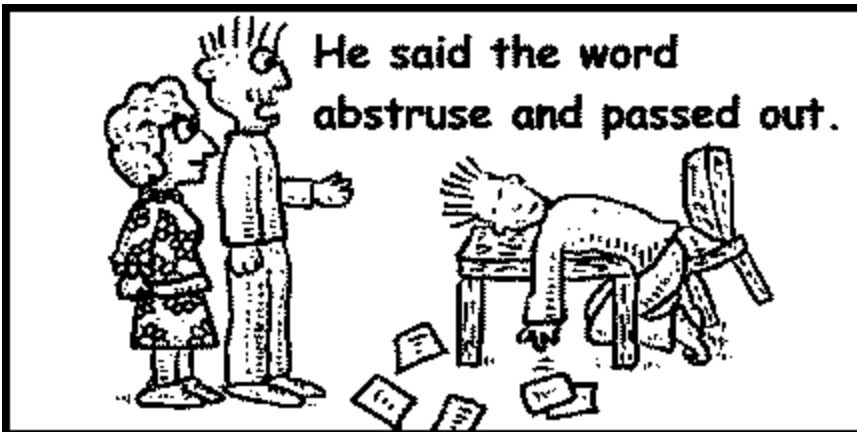


SANGUINE (san-gwin) confident; hopeful; upbeat; optimistic and hopeful.

Remember: SANS WHINE when we hope.

Answer: No. You exhaled a breath. An afflatus is a breath of inspiration.

Mar 24



ABSTRUSE (ab-stroose) confusing; obscure; profound and difficult to understand.

Remember: ABSOLUTE RUSE.

Question: You find your friend is proprieted. Do you untie your friend?

Mar 25



CABAL (ka-ball) conspirators; club; clique; secret and mysterious association.

Remember: A CAB ALL to where we meet.

Answer: No. Propertied means rich.

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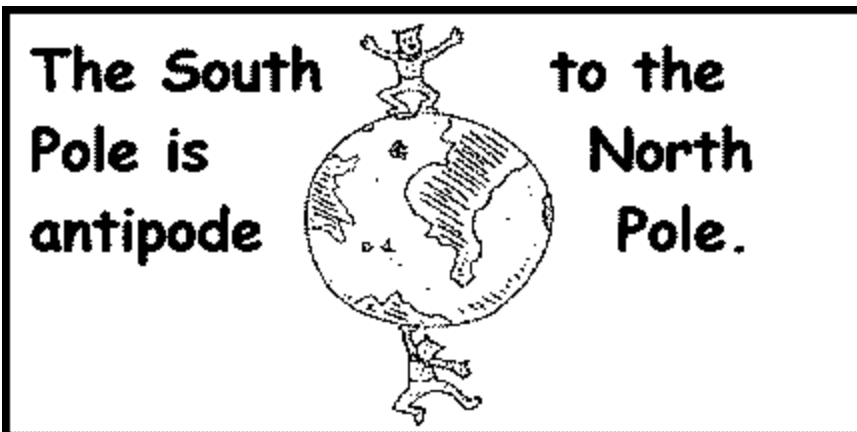


INVARIABLE (in-var-ree-ah-bul) constant; static; inflexible and not changeable.

Remember: UN VARIABLE people stay the same.

Question: You put a hat on your dog. I say: I see your dog is waggish. Your dog is not wagging its tail. Why do we laugh?

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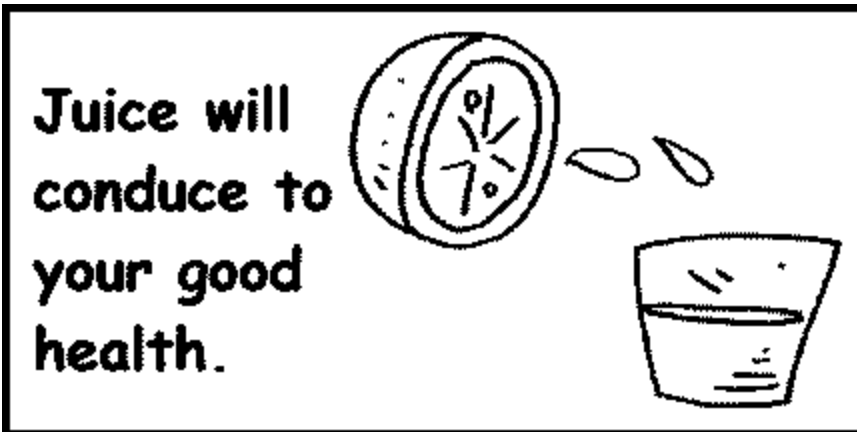


ANTIPODE (ant-tee-poad) contrary; negative; exact opposites.

Remember: ANTI ODE is an opposite story.

Answer: Waggish means to amuse or make something funny. Your dog is doing something funny.

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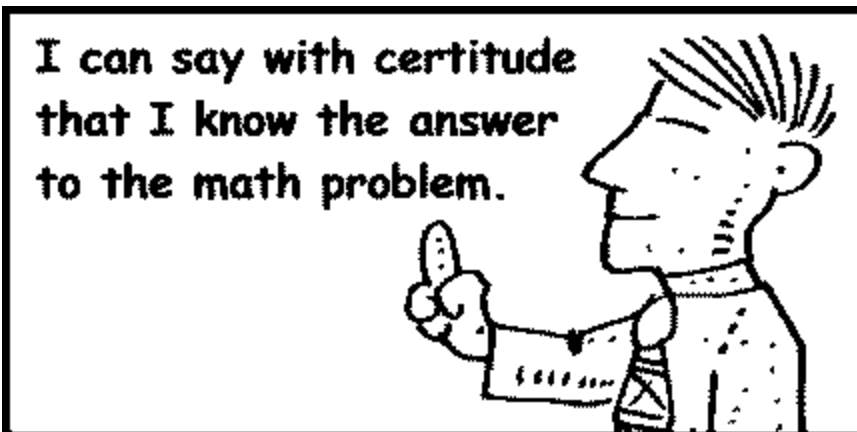


CONDUCE (kon-doose) contribute; promote; lead; leading to a result.

Remember: A CONDUIT leads to somewhere.

Question: You surfeit all the time. The water is tepid. Why does your surf outfit not fit?

Mar 29



CERTITUDE (sir-ti-tood) surety; assurance; positive with a conviction.

Remember: A CERTAIN ATTITUDE is positive.

Answer: Surfeit means to eat or drink to excess. You became fat and your bathing suit does not fit.

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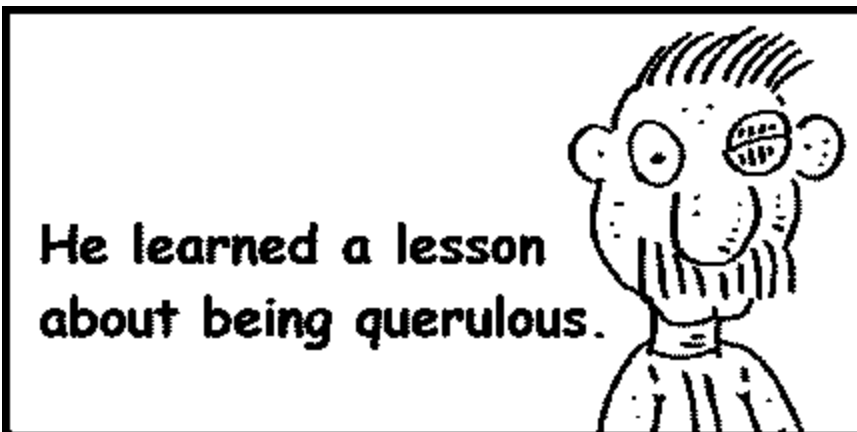


COLLEAGUE (col-leag) co-worker; partner; colleague or a fellow worker.

Remember: COLLEGE where we work together.

Question: You abscond a rabbit in a hat. What are you likely to be?

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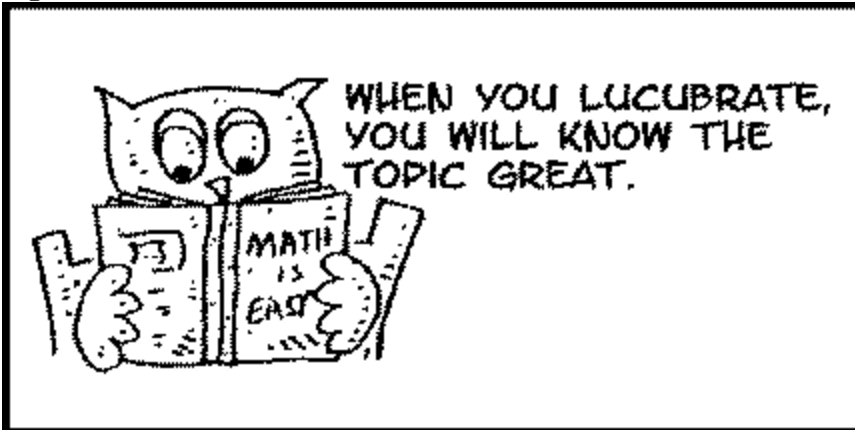


QUERULOUS (qwer-rul-lus) crabby; cranky; whining and complaining, a lot and often.

Remember: You QUARREL with US.

Answer: A magician. Abscond means to hide. You hide the rabbit in the hat.

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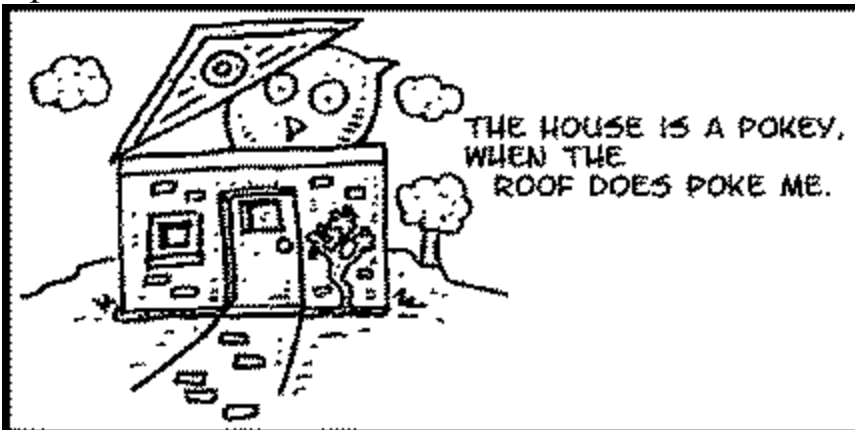


LUCUBRATE (luke-you-brayte) cram; learn; work; studying late at night.

Remember: LOOK and RATE what we study.

Question: You are in a Chinook. There is a drizzle. You are not in a helicopter. What are you flying in?

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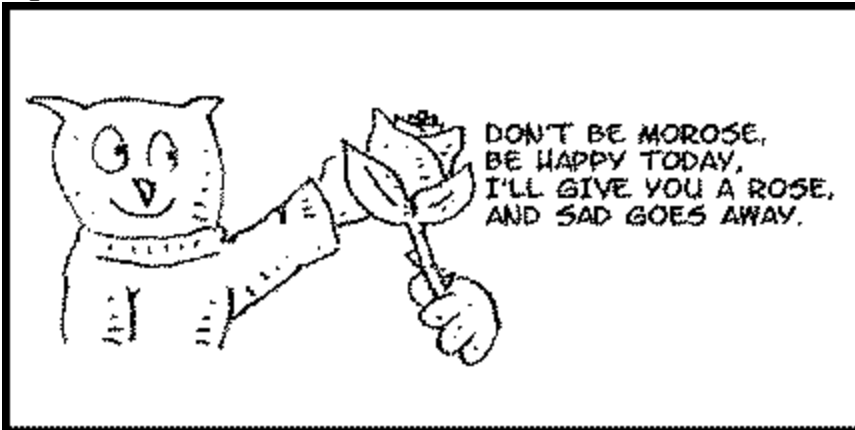


POKEY (po-kee) cramped; confined; shabby; small cramped place.

Remember: So small you can POKE ME.

Answer: A storm. A Chinook is a strong wind or gale.

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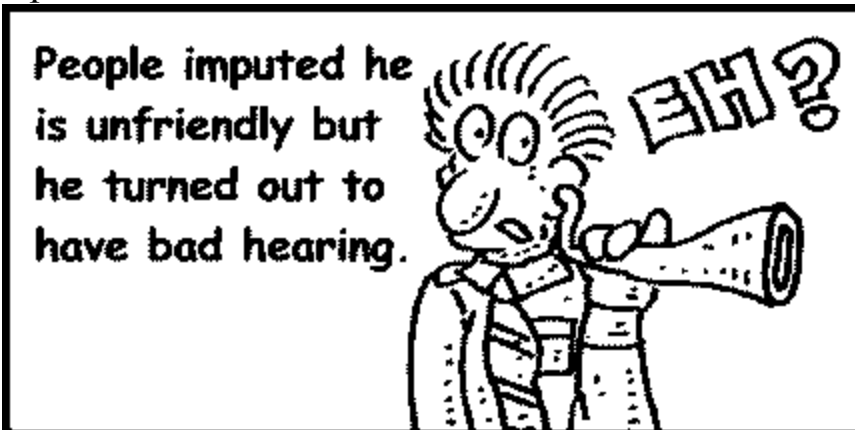


MOROSE (mor-rowse) cranky; sad; gloomy; sullenly unhappy and lacking cheer.

Remember: MORE ROSES are needed.

Question: You live on the telluric. How do I know that I live there too?

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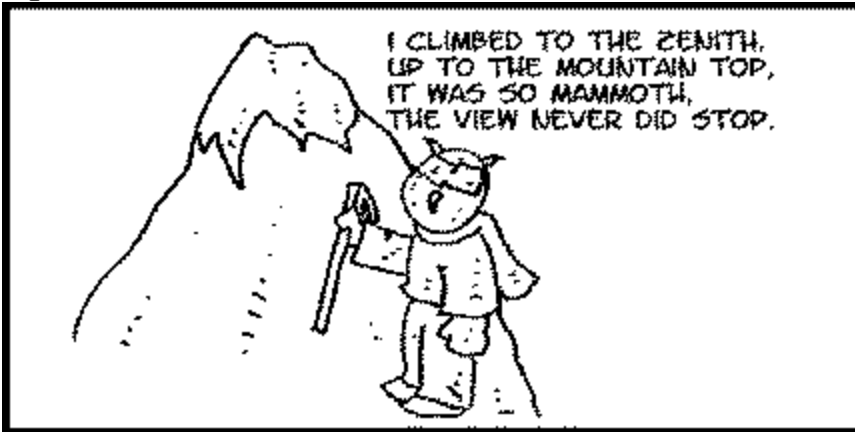


IMPUTE (im-pewt) credit; ascribe; assign; incorrectly blaming someone.

Remember: INCORRECTLY COMPUTE.

Answer: Telluric means "On the earth."

Apr 5



ZENITH (zee-nif) crest; climax; apex; peaking at the highest point.

Remember: ZEN is a higher state.

Question: Your estate is in a legal estuary. How much longer will you live there?

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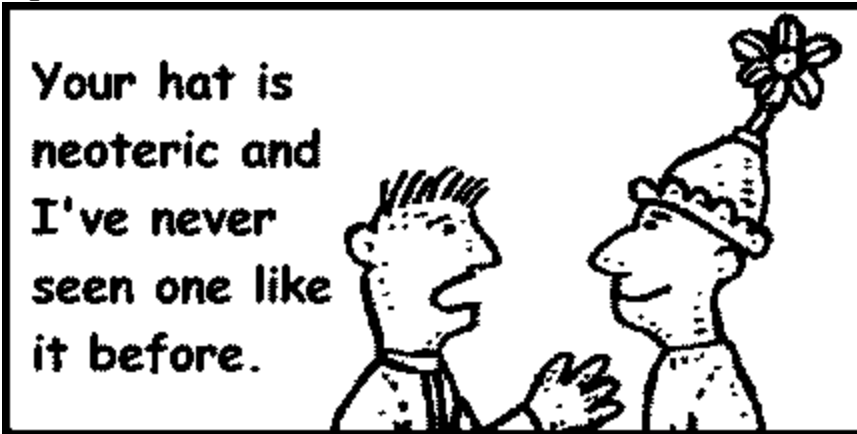


ATTENUATE (ah-ten-you-ayte) cripple; reduce; weakening and getting smaller.

Remember: ATTENTION you ATE becomes small.

Answer: For as long as you own a boat. An estuary is a narrow body of water.

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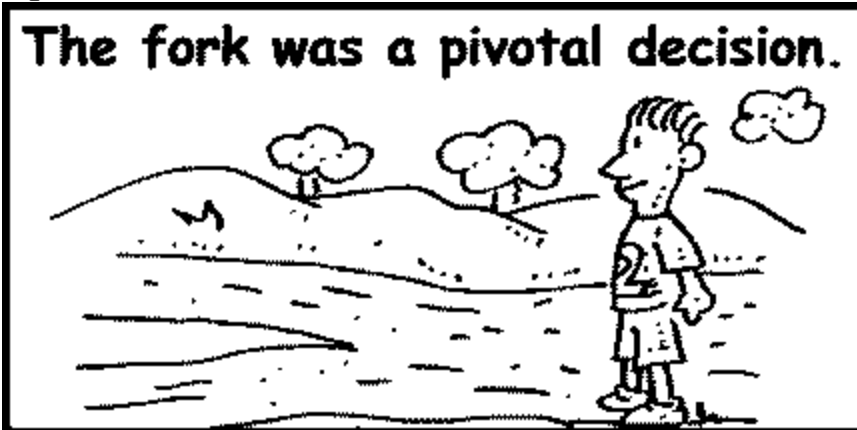


NEOTERIC (ne-oh-ter-rik) crisp; recent; new;
recent in origin and newly existing.

Remember: NEW and TERRIFIC.

Question: The wind is propitious. How fast does your sailboat go?

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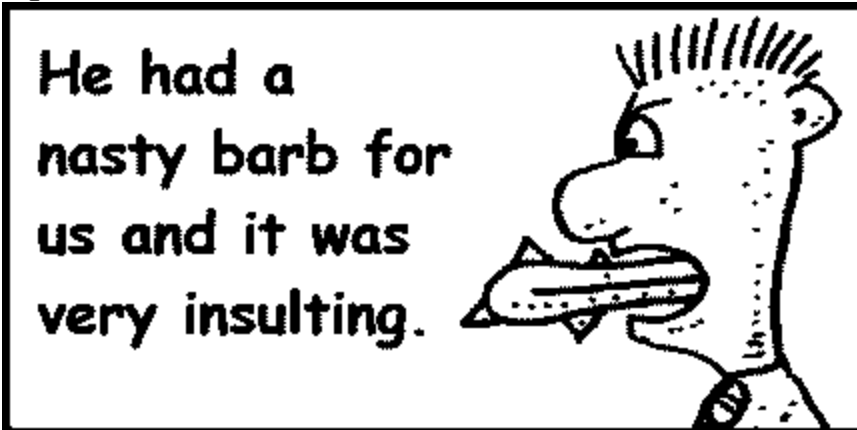


PIVOTAL (piv-vit-tul) critical; important; crucial;
decisive moment affecting your life.

Remember: PIVOT at a VITAL time.

Answer: Not fast. It is gentle. Propitious means being favourable or gentle.
Kind.

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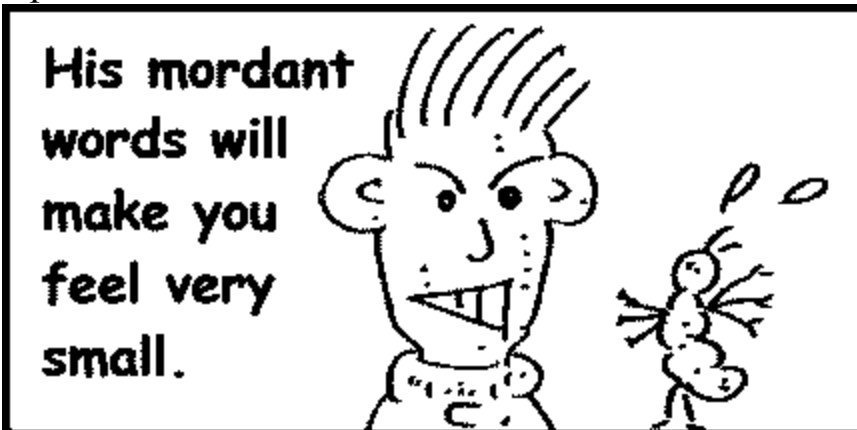


BARB (barb) criticism; jibe; insult; saying insulting and scornful words.

Remember: BARD is sharp and pointed.

Question: Your emails are protean. Are you an email pro?

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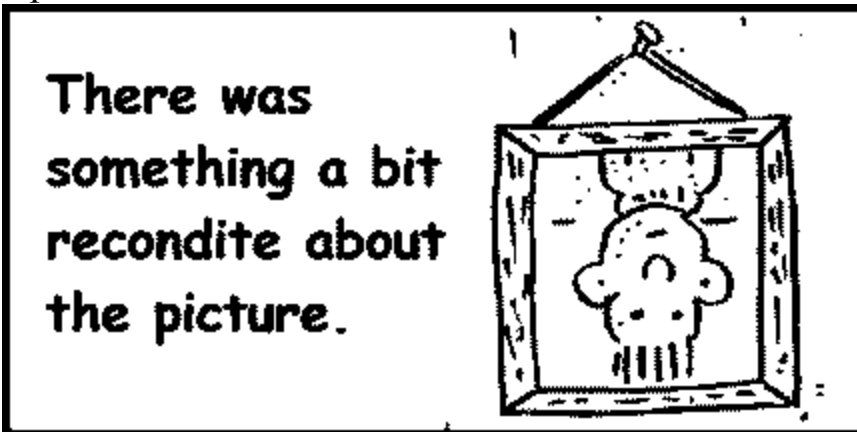


MORDANT (mor-dent) cruel; biting; scathing; replying with mean sarcastic words.

Remember: MORTIFY like an ANT.

Answer: Not really. Your emails change a lot. Protean means changing in shape or character. Your emails change. That's all.

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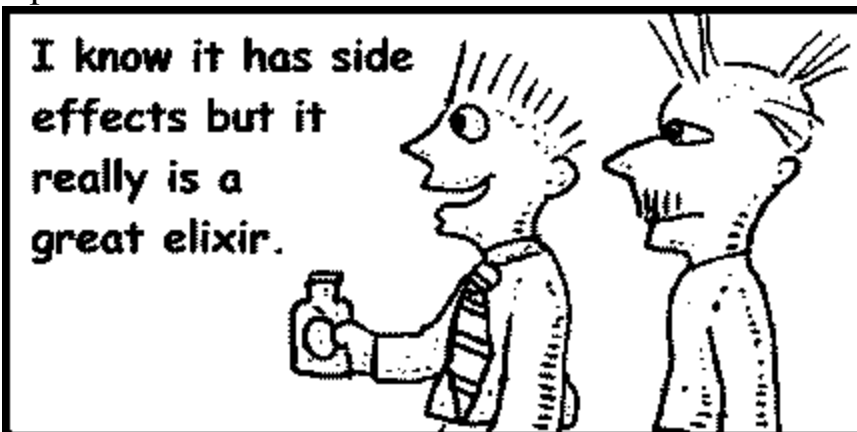


RECONDITE (re-kon-dyte) cryptic; secret; mysterious and not easily understood.

Remember: RECON at NIGHT to see the secret.

Question: Your monster needs attention. You remonstrate your monster. Why do you run away?

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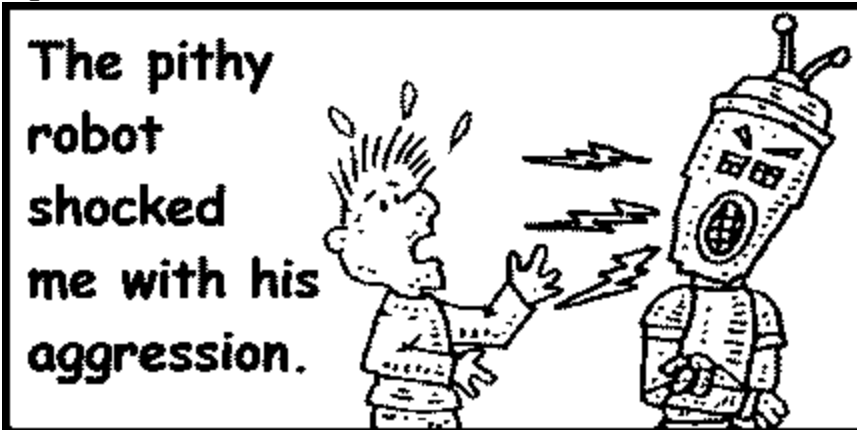


ELIXIR (ee-likes-er) cure; potion; remedy; exciting invigorating drink.

Remember: Invigorating drink LICKS fatigue.

Answer: You argued with it. Remonstrate means to argue. Never argue with a monster.

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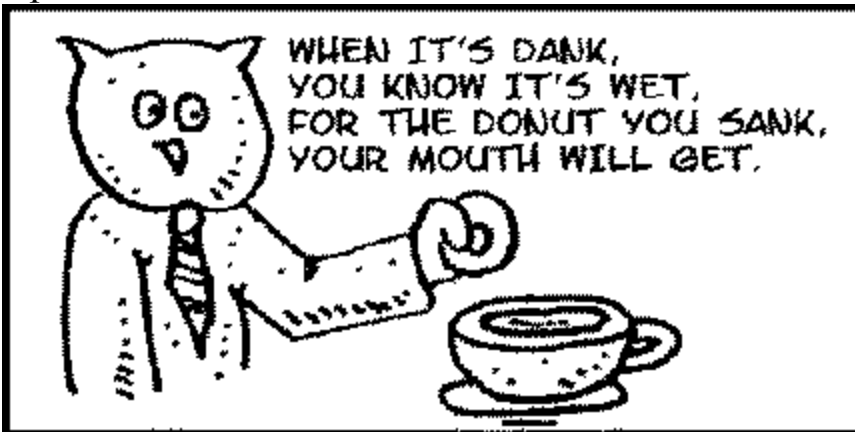


PITHY (pith-thee) curt; concise; terse; forceful aggressive attitude.

Remember: PIT against THEE.

Question: You are my confrere. Do you always agree with me?

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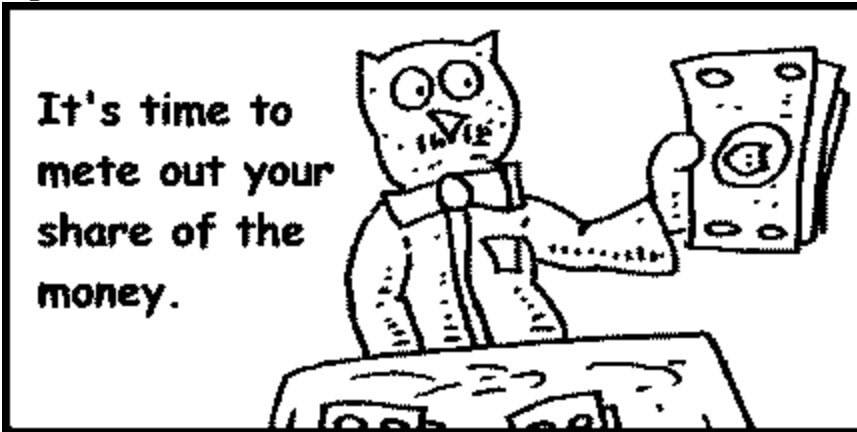


DANK (dank) damp; humid; muggy; musty and soaking wet.

Remember: DUNK and get wet.

Answer: Maybe. A confrere is a fellow worker. Maybe you agree and maybe you do not.

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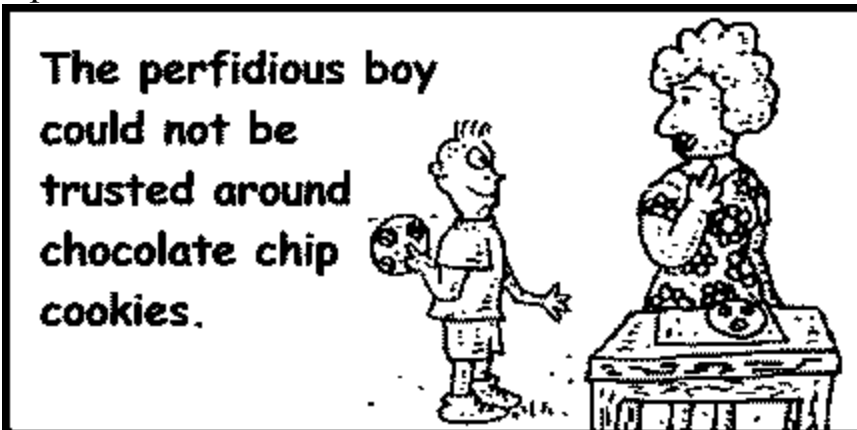


METE (meet) deal; disperse; dole;
giving something by dividing it.

Remember: MEET to give something.

Question: I wake up. I raise my hands and say, "I am enervated!" What will I probably do next?

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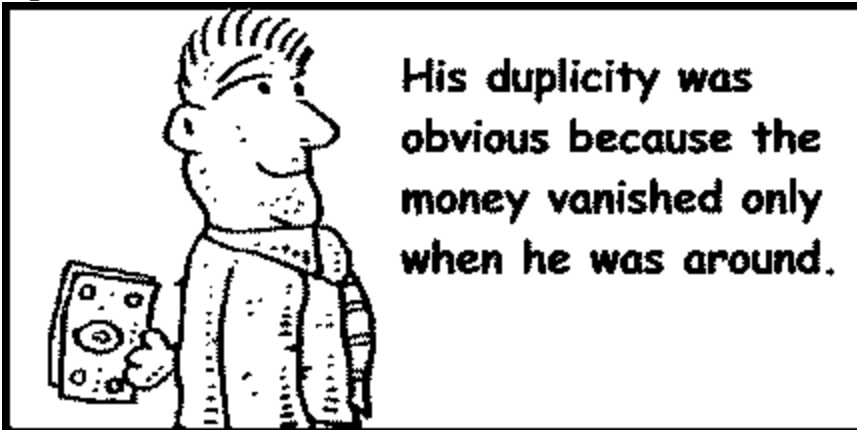


PERFIDIOUS (per-fid-ee-us) deceitful; disloyal;
acting untrustworthy and unfaithful.

Remember: INSIDIOUS people betray US.

Answer: Go back to bed! Enervated means to be tired or worn out. You need more sleep.

Apr 17



DUPLICITY (dew-plis-sit-tee) deceit; sneaky; telling lies or double speaking.

Remember: DUPLICATE tricks us, have PITY.

Question: I have an animus. You have an animus. Does everyone have an animus?

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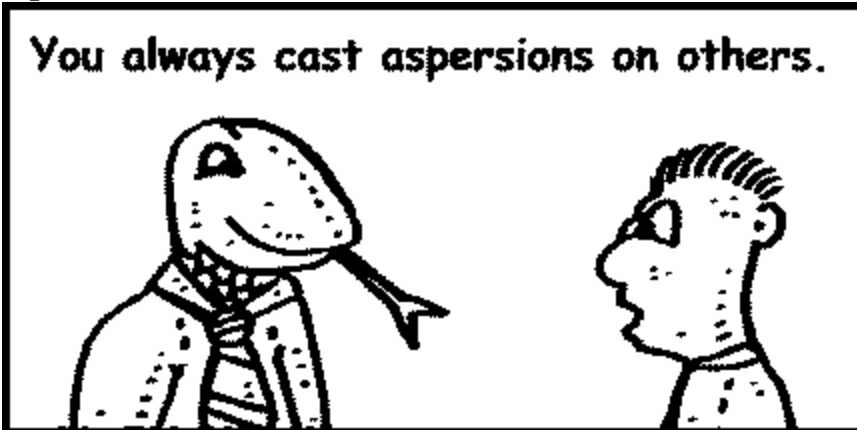


CANON (can-non) decree; law; rule; collection of rules.

Remember: What you CAN do when rules are ON.

Answer: No. Animus means having hatred. A lot of people don't have one. The sun is shining. It's a sunny day!

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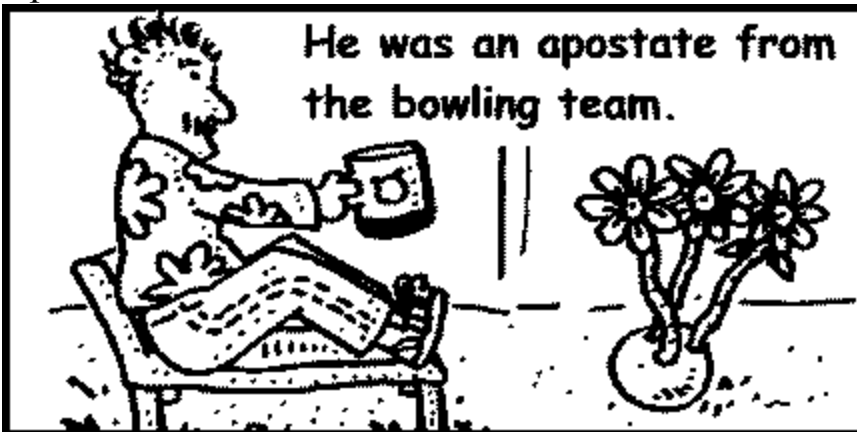


ASPERSION (ah-spur-shun) defame; libel; slander; telling a lie to hurt a reputation.

Remember: ASP PERSON tells lies.

Question: You have a progeny. When is it a prodigy?

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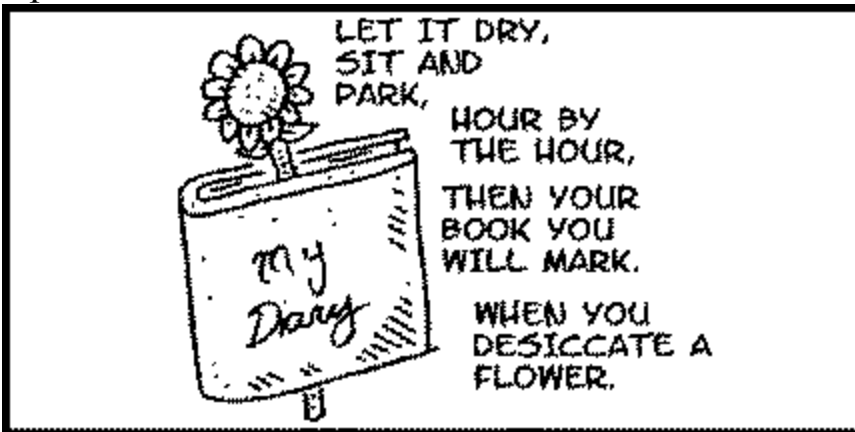


APOSTATE (ah-pa-stayte) defector; revolt; heretic; abandoning a connection to a party or faith.

Remember: Membership in a POST STATE.

Answer: When your child is a genius. Progeny means offspring. Prodigy means genius.

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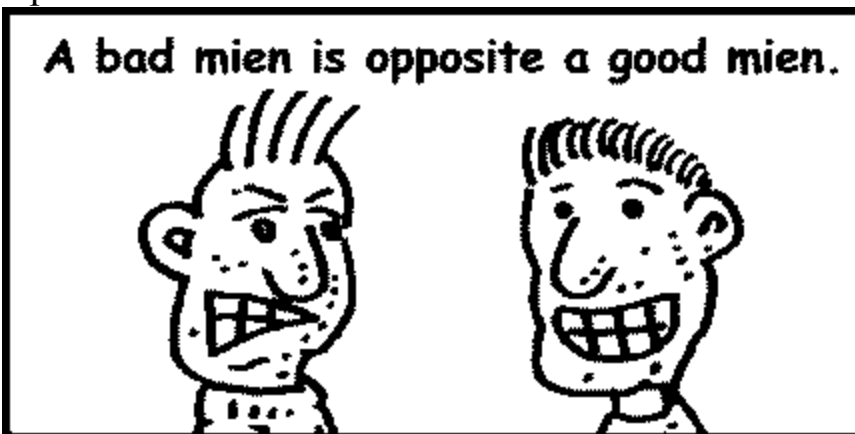


DESICCATE (des-ee-kayt) dehydrate; scorch; preserving by drying up water.

Remember: DESERT ATE the water.

Question: You wear an ostentatious hat. Why might you look like an ostrich?

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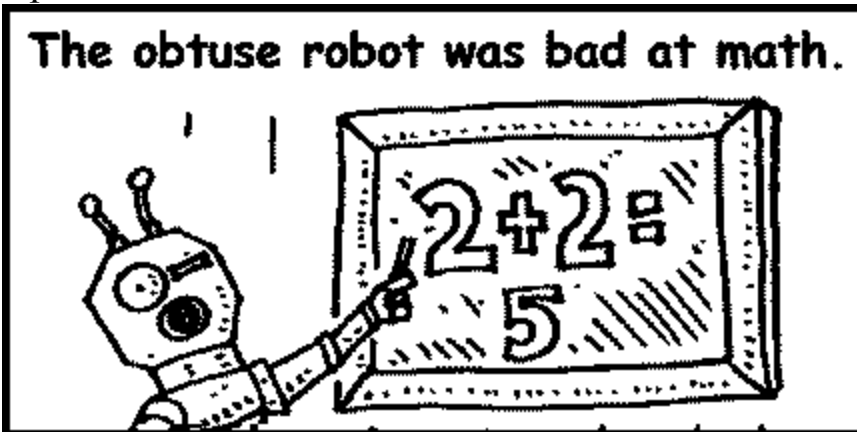


MIEN (meen) demeanour; bearing; countenance; attitude or manner.

Remember: Nice and MEAN are manners.

Answer: Your hat is flashy. It may have ostrich feathers because ostrich feathers are flashy.

Apr 23



OBTUSE (ob-toose) dense; dumb; slow; dull thinking and obtuse.

Remember: OBJECT to a USE we don't understand.

Question: You amalgamate a white sock and a black sock. What animal do you look like?

Apr 24



GAINSAY (gayne-say) deny; controvert; refute; contradicting or challenging.

Remember: GAIN when we SAY no.

Answer: A zebra. Amalgamate means to blend or combine. You are wearing black and white like the colours of a zebra.

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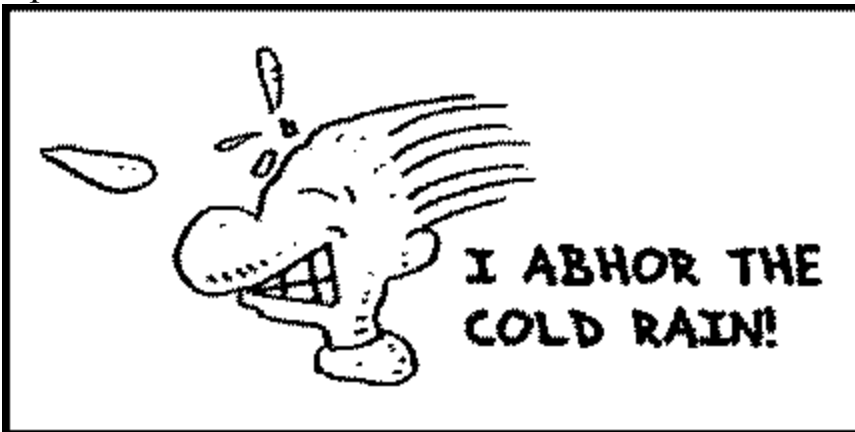


DECLIVITY (dee-kliv-at-tee) descent; dip; downhill and declining slope.

Remember: DECLINE and become BITTY.

Question: You draw a smiley face. Is it facile?

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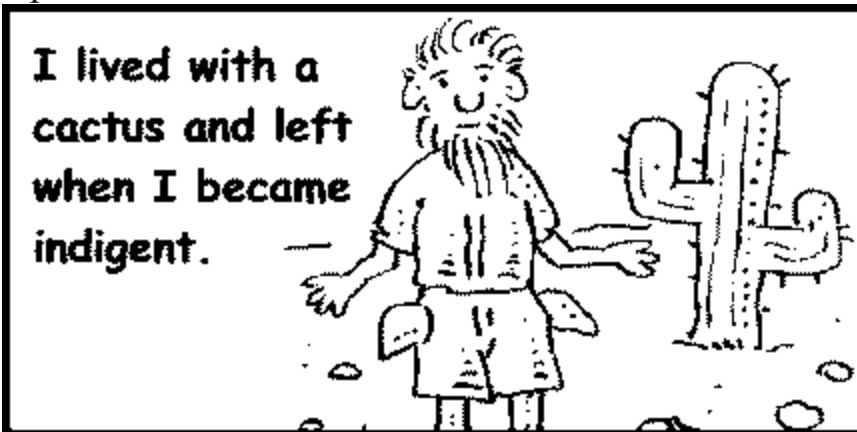


ABHOR (ab-bor) despise; loathe; detest; intensely hating.

Remember: ABSOLUTE HORROR we dislike.

Answer: Facile means easy to do. Drawing smiley faces is easy.

Apr 27



INDIGENT (in-dee-gent) destitute; impoverished; broke and living with little money.

Remember: A hobo is an INDEPENDENT GENT.

Question: You read a histrionic book. What kind of book is it?

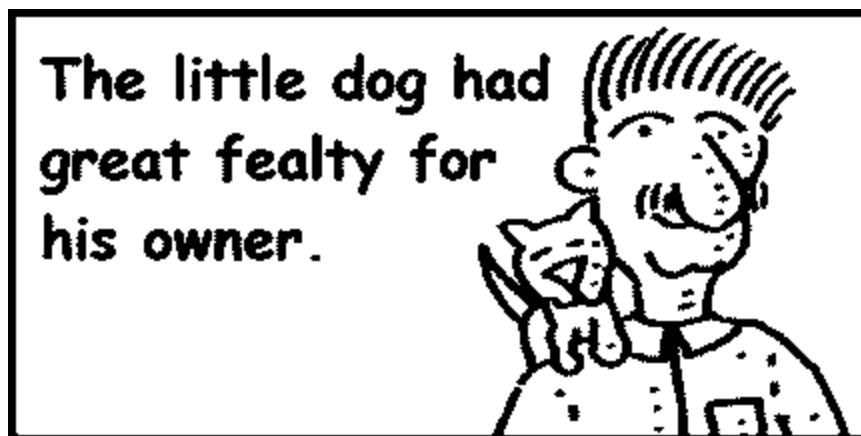
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DIGRESS (di-gres) deviate; meander; roam; changing a new topic.

Remember: PROGRESS to a new topic.

Answer: It is a dramatic book. It means dramatic or spectacular.



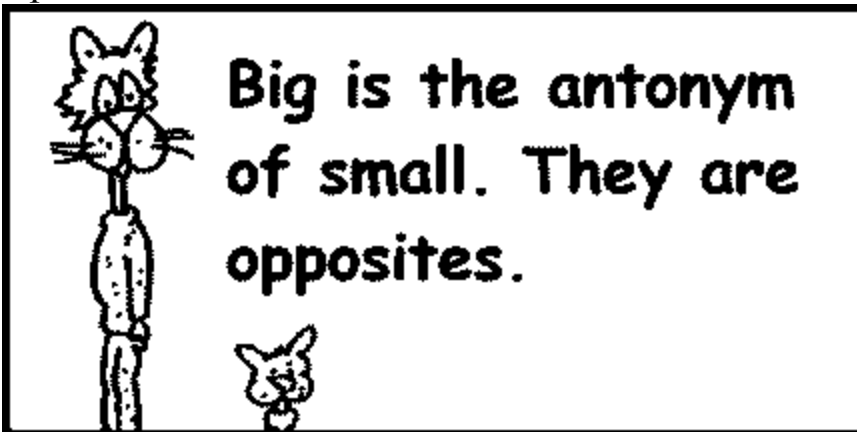
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FEALTY (feel-tee) devoted; dedicated; allegiance; loyal and faithful.

Remember: FEEL like TEA with a friend.

Question: We walk to the natatorium and I ask, "Do you like plants?" What kind of exercise will we probably get?

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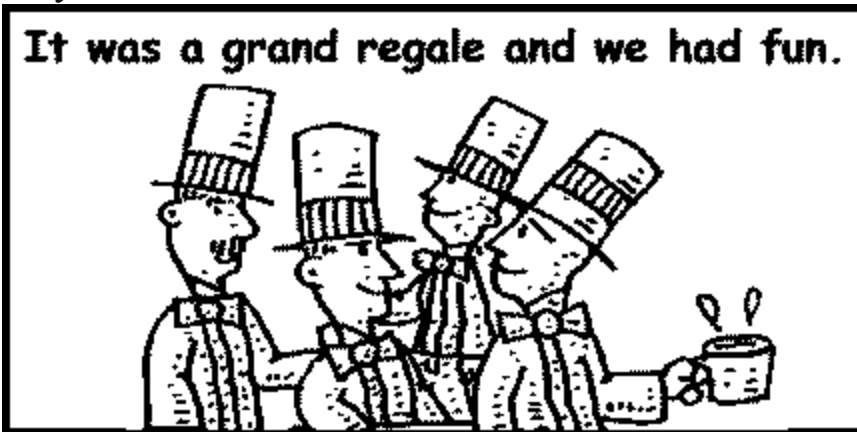


ANTONYM (an-ton-nim) reverse; negative; contrary and opposite.

Remember: ANTI NAME is the opposite.

Answer: Swimming. A natatorium is an indoor pool.

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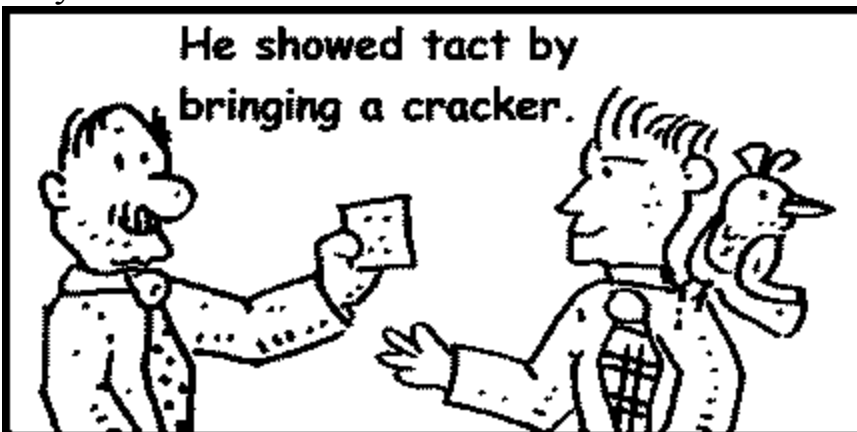


REGALE (re-gayle) dinner; banquet; entertain; grand entertaining party.

Remember: REGAL festival is a party.

Question: I give you a thousand dollars. You aggrandize it and give it back to me. Am I happy?

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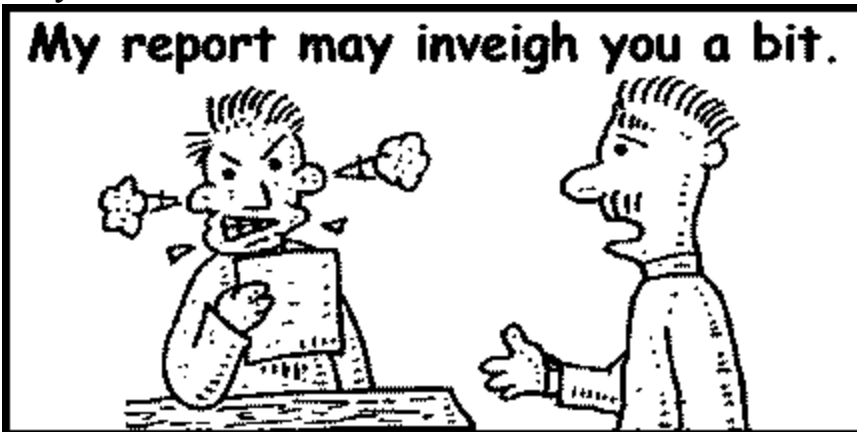


TACT (takt) diplomacy; skill; perception; carefully and thoughtfully acting.

Remember: ACT at the right time.

Answer: Yes. You give me more. Aggrandize means to make bigger.

May 3



INVEIGH (in-vay) discredit; shame; dishonour; attacking with harsh criticism.

Remember: INVADE when we criticize.

Question: I approach from the left. You reproach from the right. Why may we never meet?

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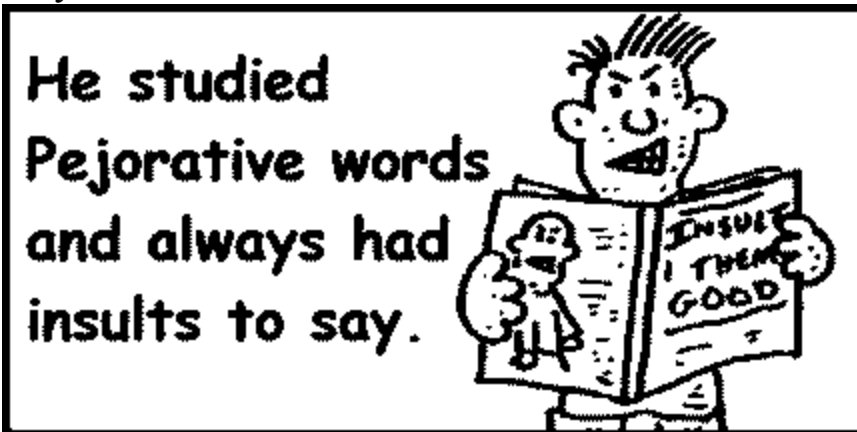


BELIE (be-lye)disguise; misrepresent; disprove; proving a lie to be false.

Remember: BE a LIE and we know the truth.

Answer: Reproach means to blame or find fault. We may never meet. You are just blaming me.

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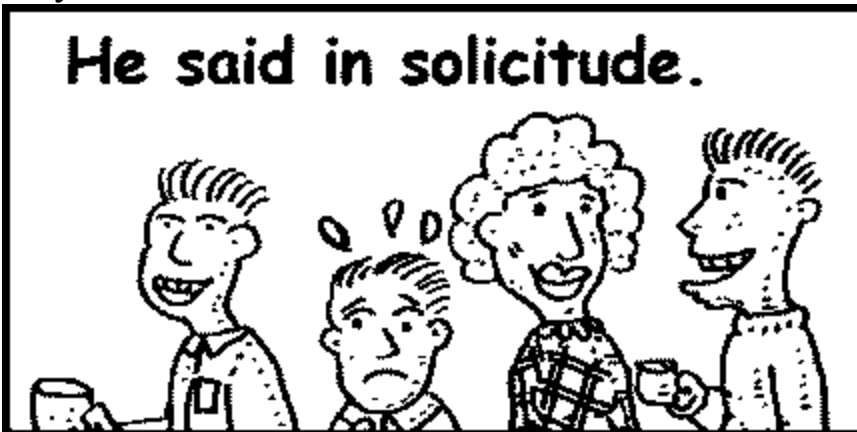
**He studied
Pejorative words
and always had
insults to say.**

PEJORATIVE (pa-jaw-ra-tiv) disparage; demean; derogatory insulting words.

Remember: PEEVE and ORATE anger.

Question: You drink a soda with sodality. Why does the soda taste better?

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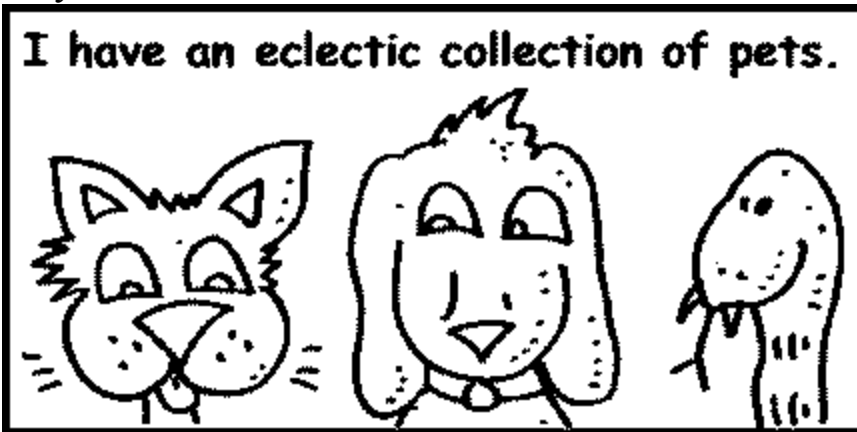
He said in solicitude.

SOLICITUDE (so-lis-sit-tood) disquiet; uneasiness; worried and anxious.

Remember: SOLO ATTITUDE makes worry.

Answer: You are drinking it with friends. Sodality means comrades.

May 7



ECLECTIC (ee-klek-tik) diverse; broad; varied; many styles or types.

Remember: Say EEK when HECTIC.

Question: I said something smart. You gainsay me. Did you gain anything from what I said?

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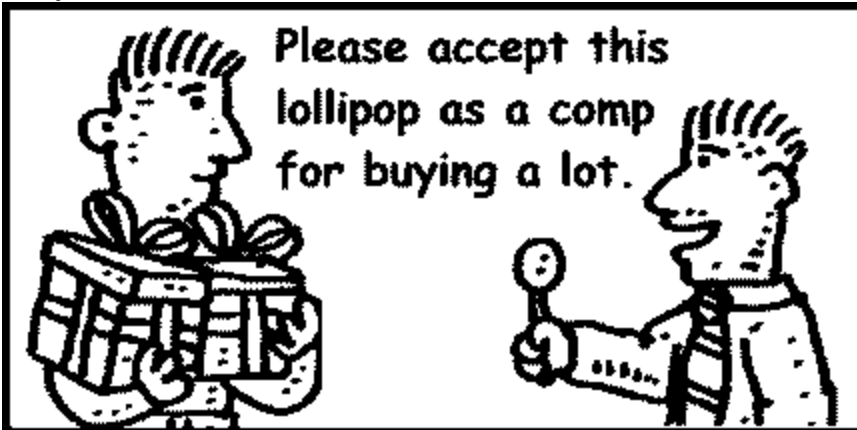


CETACEAN (see-tay-shun) dolphin; whale; blowhole aquatic mammal.

Remember: Dolphin lives in SEA or OCEAN.

Answer: Gainsay means to contradict. You denied what I said and countered it with an argument.

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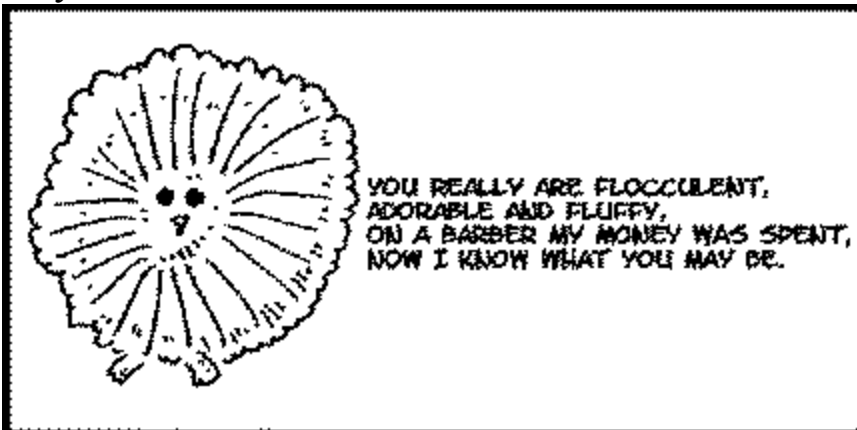


COMP (komp) donation; perk; freebie; getting a complimentary gift.

Remember: COMPLIMENTARY gift.

Question: You see your faux face in a faucet. What happened to your face?

May 10



FLOCCULENT (flok-you-lent) downy; wooly; tuft; fluffy and soft.

Remember: FLOCK of fluffy clouds.

Answer: Nothing. You see your reflection. It's fake because it is a reflection. Faux means fake.

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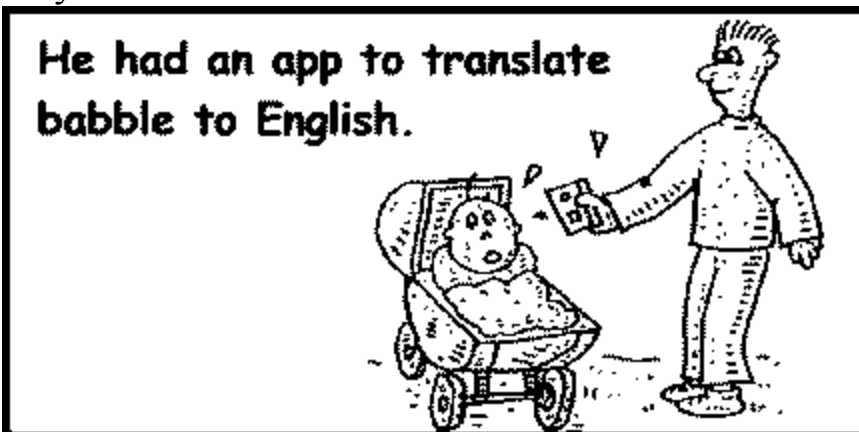


HISTRIONIC (his-tree-on-ick) dramatic; theatrical; melodramatic and insincere.

Remember: HISTORY is BIONIC when fake.

Question: You're at the museum. There is a brontosaurus, a stegosaurus and an ignoramus. Why do you leave?

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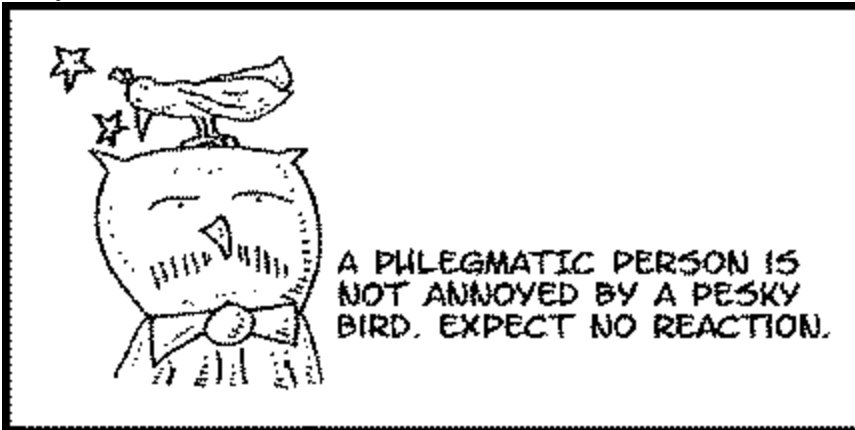


BABBLE (ba-bul) drivel; incoherent; inarticulate; foolish chattering and talking.

Remember: BABY says BULL and nothing.

Answer: An ignoramus is a dumb person who thinks they are smart. They say dumb things in a pushy way.

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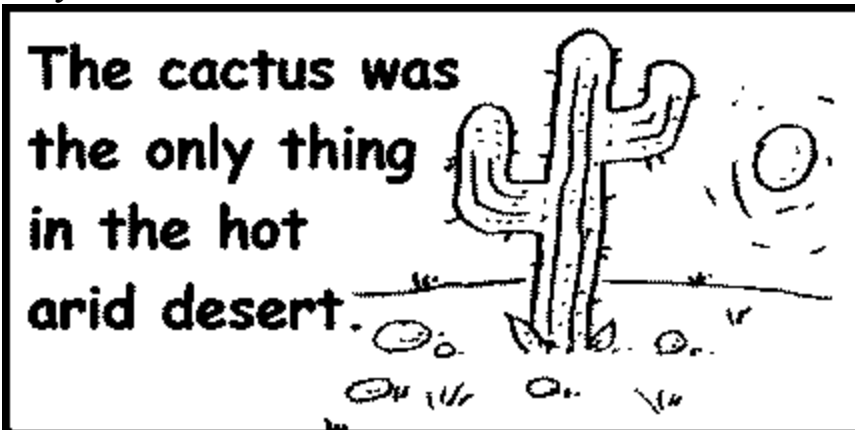


PHLEGMATIC (fleg-mat-tik) dull; sluggish; unconcerned and not excited to action.

Remember: FLEDGE AUTOMATICALLY boring.

Question: You fructify a tomato plant. You put it in a glass and stir. Why can't you drink it?

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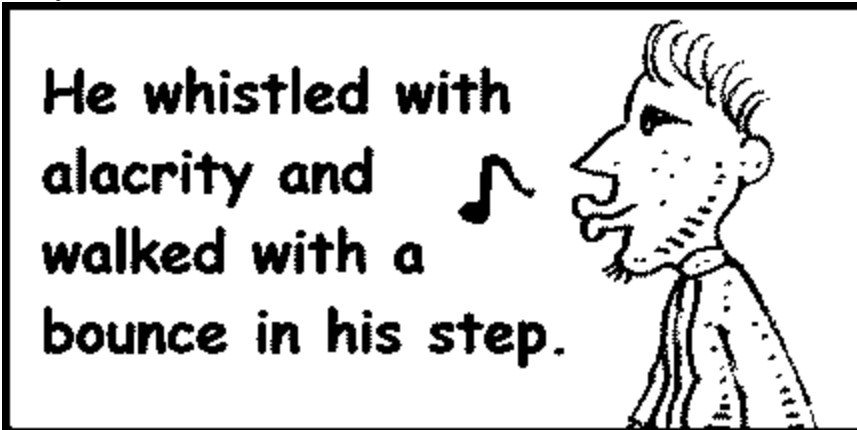


ARID (ah-rid) dusty; barren; parched; dry such as a desert.

Remember: RID of water.

Answer: Fructify means to bear fruit. You fertilized it. You will get baby tomatoes. Not juice.

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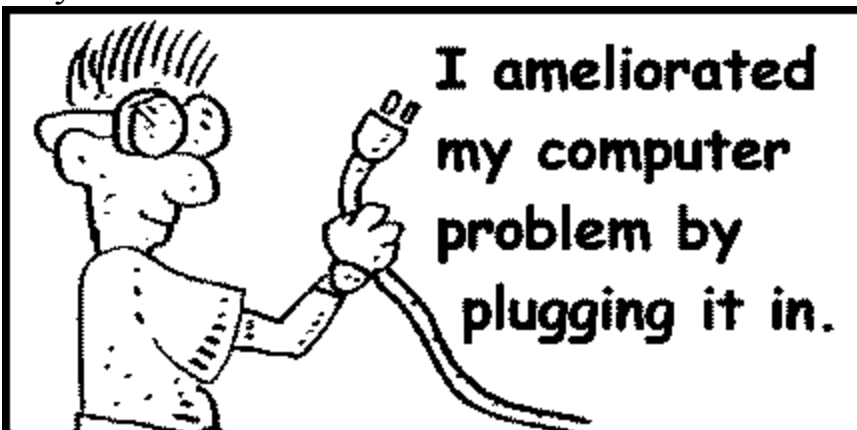


ALACRITY (ah-lak-rit-tee) eagerness; alertness; readily cheerful and eager.

Remember: Happy when our LACKS are ITTY.

Question: You drink imitation lemonade. You make a limitation for orange juice. Which will you drink more of?

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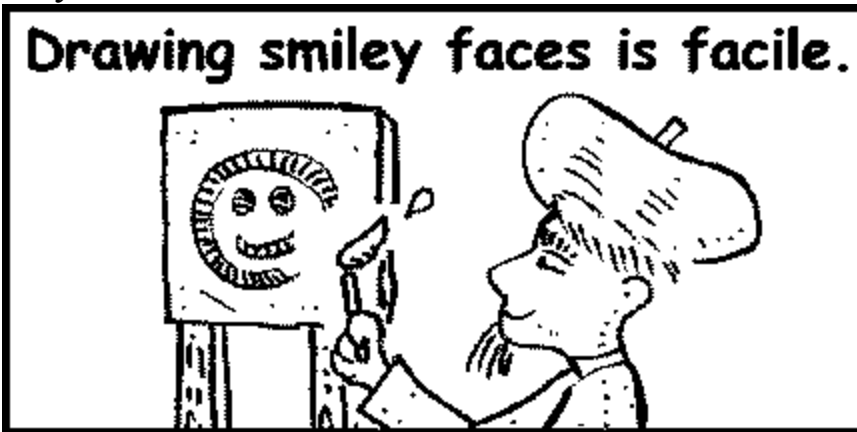


AMELIORATE (ah-meal-ee-or-rate) ease; mend; relieving and making it better.

Remember: A MEAL RATES better.

Answer: The lemonade. Limitation means to set a limit. You set a limit on how much orange juice you will drink.

May 17



FACILE (fa-sil) effortless; hasty; simplistic; easy to master.

Remember: FACES are SILLY simple.

Question: When does incense, incense you?

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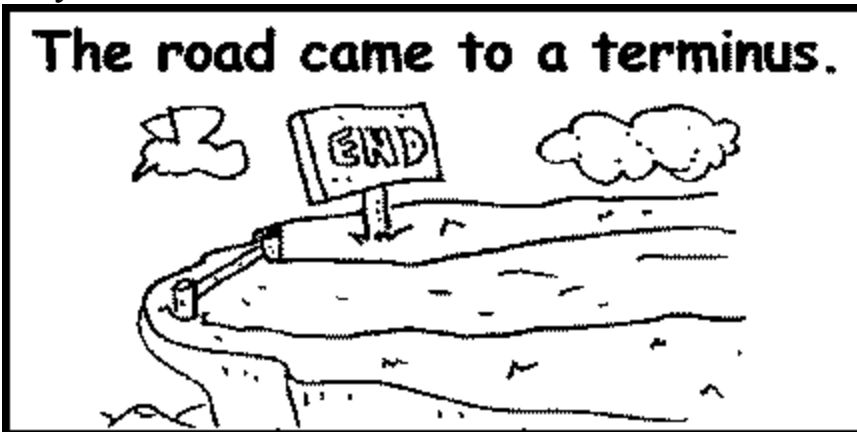


EGRESS (ee-gres) emerge; departure; escape; exit to the street.

Remember: PROGRESS out the exit.

Answer: When you don't like the smell. Incense means to make angry. Incense also is burned to make a pleasant odour.

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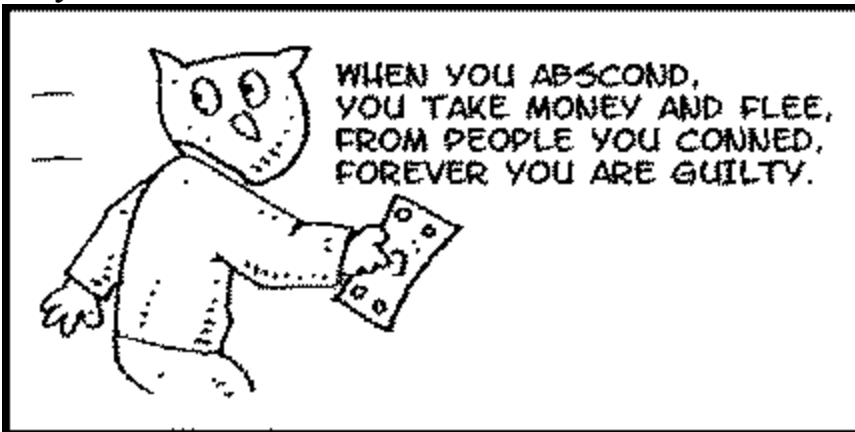


TERMINUS (term-min-nus) end; limit; boundary; end of a train line or bus route.

Remember: TERMINATE for US at the end.

Question: You sit on something commodious. What are you sitting on?

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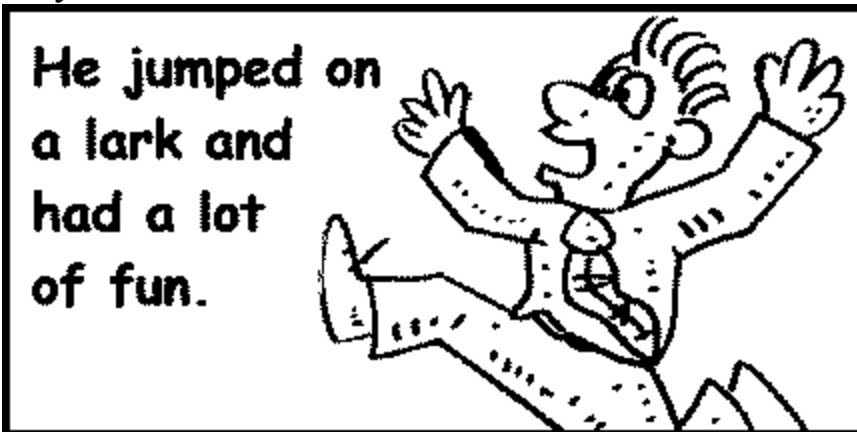


ABSCOND (ab-skond) escape; flee; run away; leaving quickly to avoid arrest.

Remember: SCOUNDREL runs away.

Answer: You are sitting on something large with a lot of space. Commodious means being roomy and spacious.

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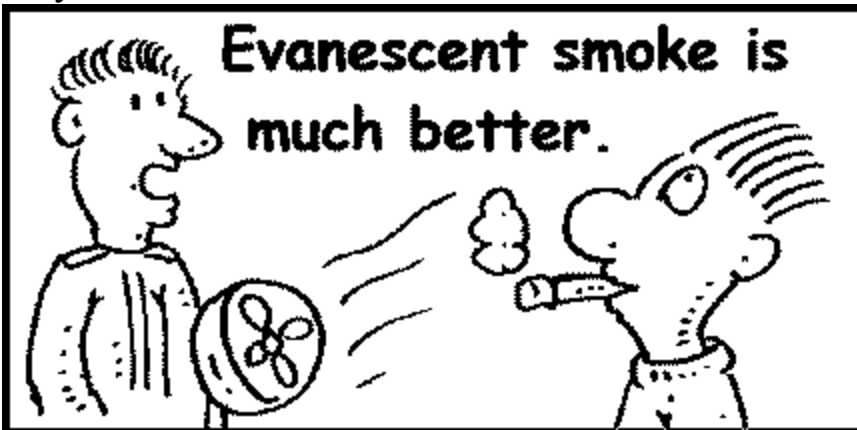


LARK (lahr-k) escape; risky; spree; going on a whim without thinking first.

Remember: Road is DARK but we go.

Question: Do you feel splenetic because the day is splendid?

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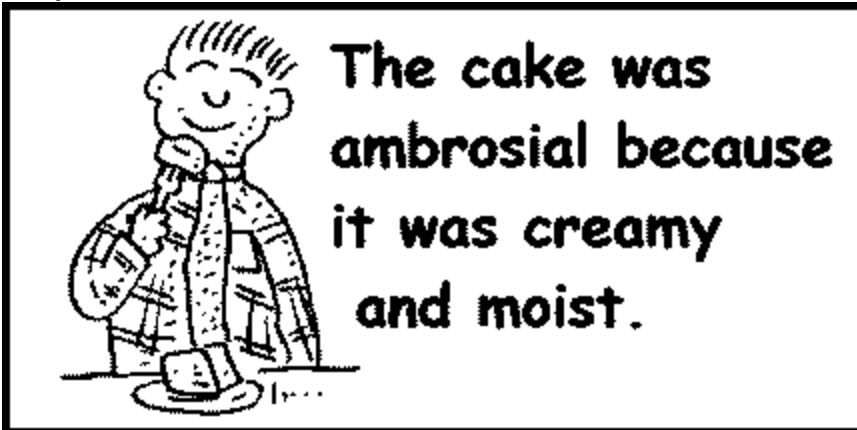


EVANESCENT (ev-van-nes-sent) evaporating; fading and vanishing like vapour.

Remember: VANISH like a SCENT.

Answer: No. You feel less splenetic. Splenetic means gloomy or sullen. A splendid day makes you happy.

May 23



AMBROSIAL (am-bro-she-al) excellent; luscious; divine and pleasing to taste.

Remember: AMBROSIA is delicious.

Question: I tell you a fable. You say, "You are affable." Am I laughable or do you like me?

May 24



IMMODERATE (im-mod-er-rate) excessive; extravagant and unrestrained in size or enormity.

Remember: UN MODERATE is big.

Answer: You like me. Affable means being polite and friendly. An affable person is likeable.

May 25



CANVASS (kan-vas) explore; seek; sift; searching well and thoroughly.

Remember: CAN look VAST to find it.

Question: You write and your compunction is strong. I say, "You have punctuation errors!" Why did I say that?

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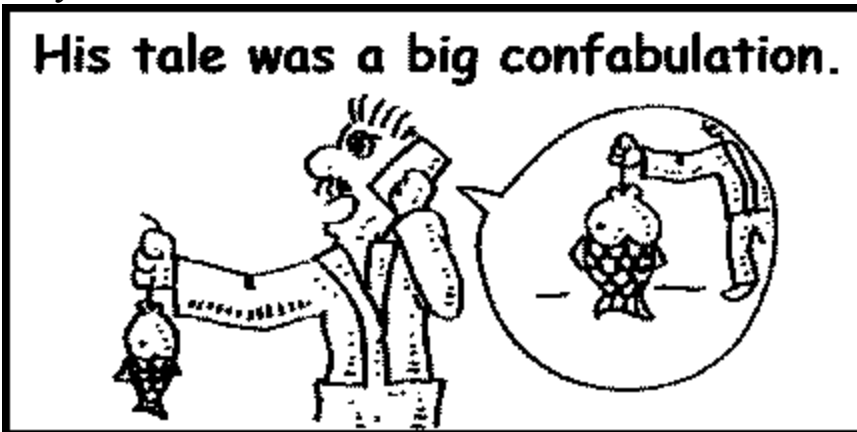


PRODIGAL (prod-de-gal) extravagant; lavish; excessively reckless with money.

Remember: buy PRODUCTS by the GALLON.

Answer: You probably have errors. Compunction means a feeling of regret for your actions. It has nothing to do with punctuation.

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CONFABULATION (con-fab-you-lay-shun)

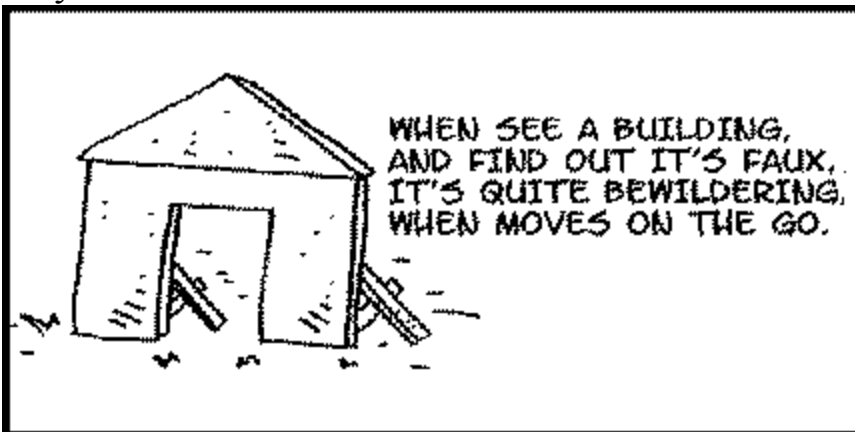
fabrication; chitchat; gossip;

telling a made-up story.

Remember: CON and FABRICATE a story.

Question: Your dog's hair is long. You upbraid your dog. Why is your dog mad at you?

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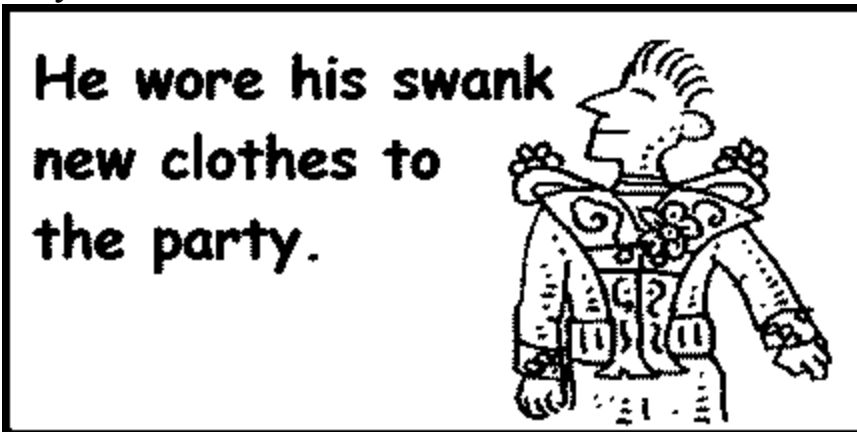
FAUX (fo) false; mock; sham;

fake and not real.

Remember: FAKE.

Answer: Upbraid means to scold or blame. Your dog is sulking. Be nice to your doggy!

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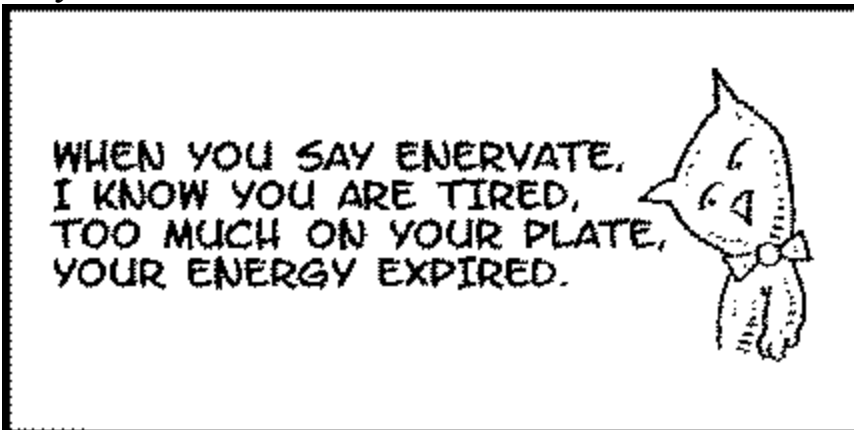


SWANK (swanc) fancy; Swagger; Grand; elegant and showy.

Remember: SWAN is pretty.

Question: You brook, a brook. Did you enjoy your swim?

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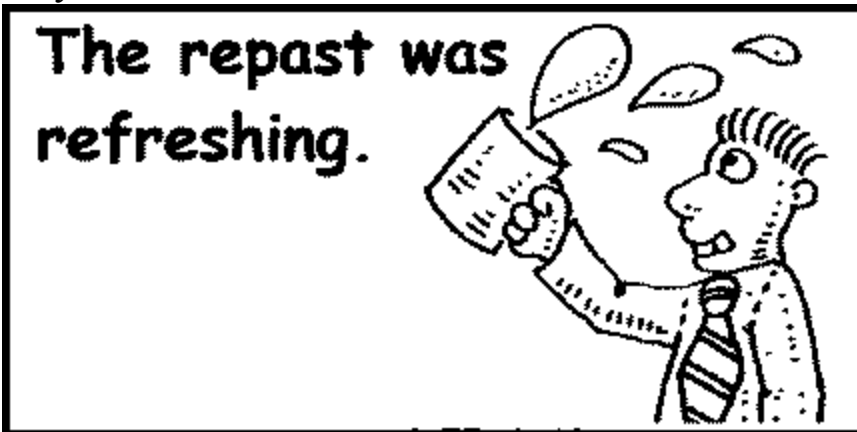


ENERVATE (en-er-vayte) fatigue; weaken; exhaust; wearing out and making tired.

Remember: Our ENERGY EVAPORATES.

Answer: No. Brook means to endure. Brook also means a small river. You endured a small stream. It may be too cold.

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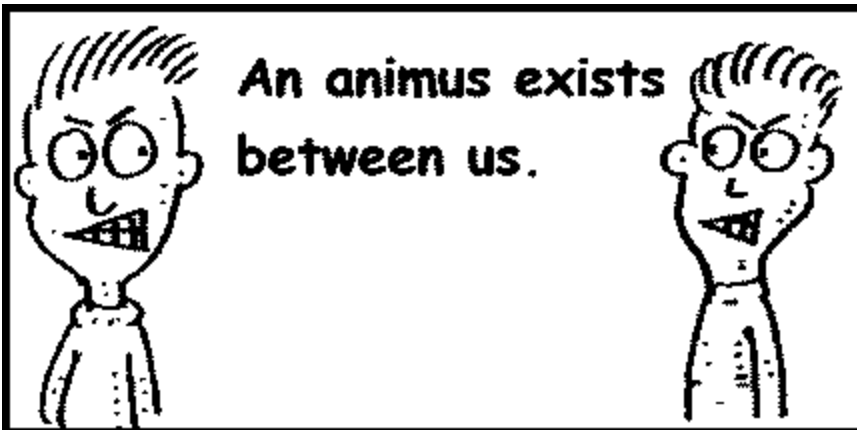


REPAST (re-past) feast; meal; drink; food or anything restorative.

Remember: RE do the PAST when we feel good.

Question: Does a person give to charity when they are chary?

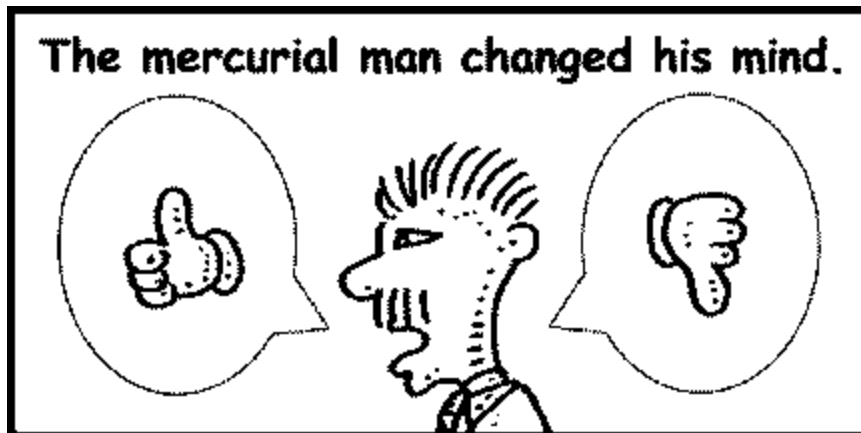
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ANIMUS (an-ne-mus) feud; dislike; animosity; hating something or someone.

Remember: ANIMOSITY between US.

Answer: No. Chary means frugal. It also means to be cautious and not reckless. They do not give away money.



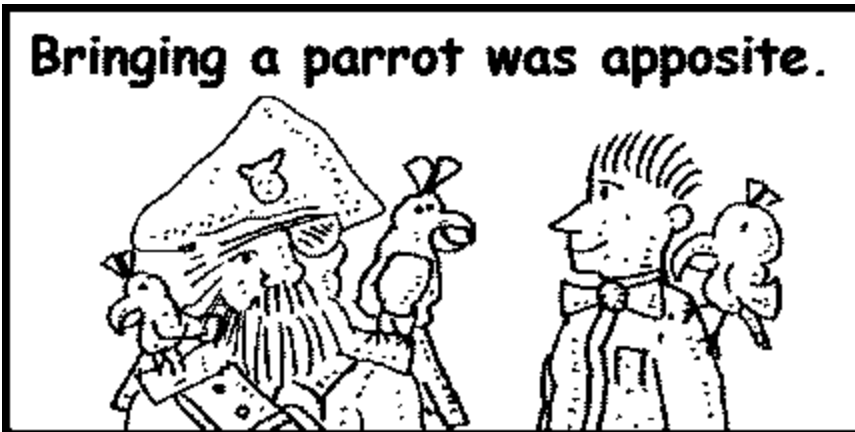
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MERCURIAL (mer-cure-re-al) fickle; volatile; moody and unpredictable.

Remember: A thermometer MERCURY changes.

Question: You write a poem that is two pages long. You ask me to add an erratum. Why do I refuse?

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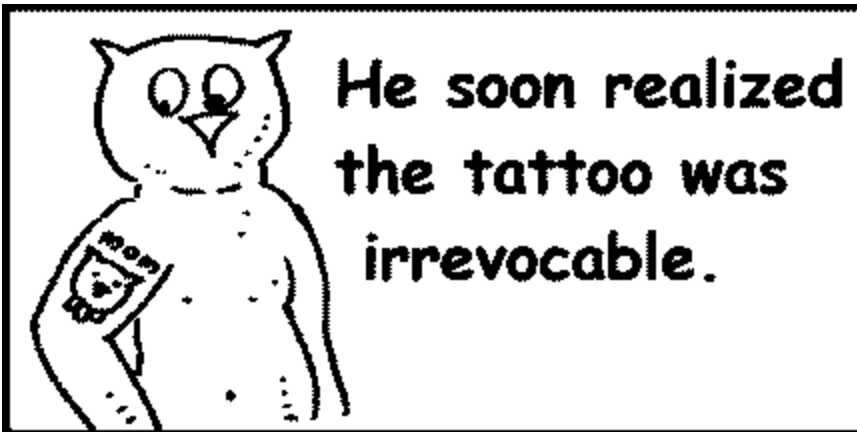


APPOSITE (app-o-sit) fitting; relevant; suited; applicable or apt.

Remember: APPROPRIATE.

Answer: An erratum is an error or a mistake in writing. Why would I add that?

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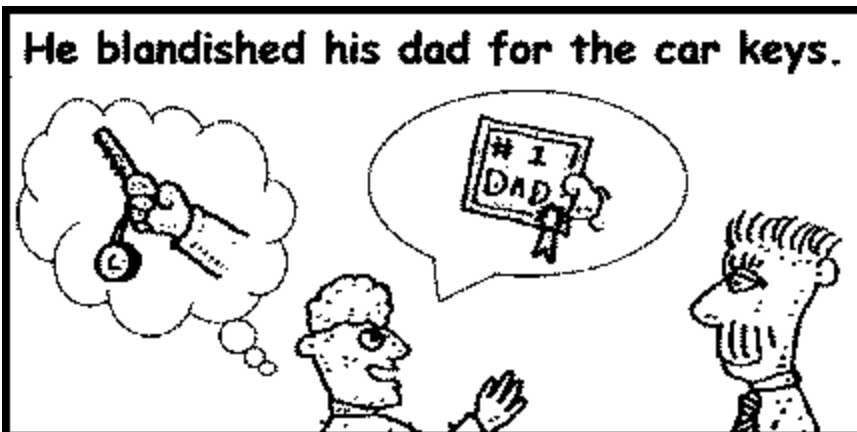
IRREVOCABLE (ear-re-voke-ah-bul)

fixed; immutable; irreversible;
not changeable and irrevocable.

Remember: ERROR when you REVOKE.

Question: You blandish me. Do I feel bland?

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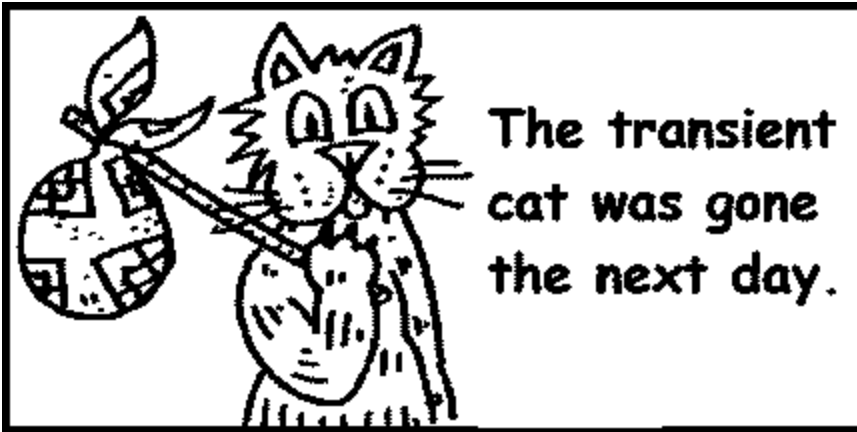


BLANDISH (blan-dish) flatter; entice; kind;
persuading good flattery.

Remember: OUTLANDISH.

Answer: No. Blandish means to make someone feel better by saying good words. I feel grand.

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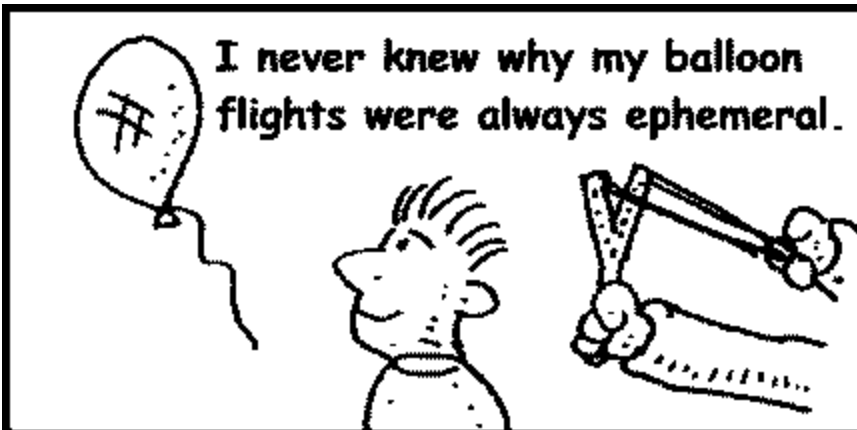


TRANSIENT (tran-see-ent) fleeting; flash; brief; existing for a short time and disappearing.

Remember: TRANSMIT SENT.

Question: A duck quacks loudly. You shout and run toward towards an egress and a tern. Why do I call you a coward?

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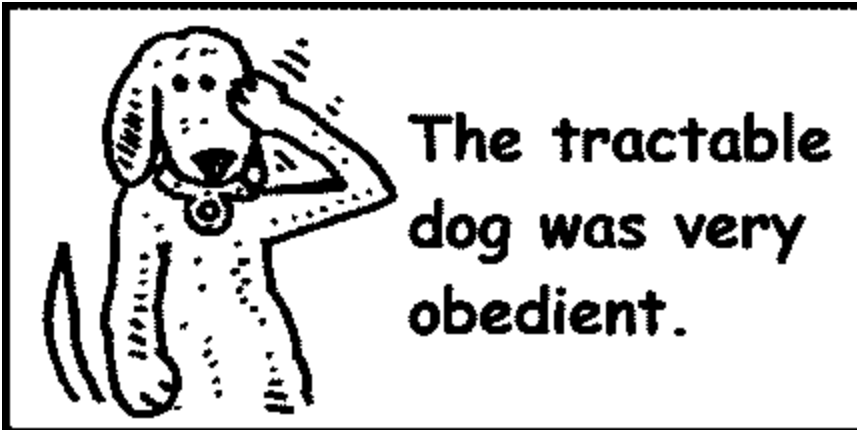


EPHEMERAL (ee-fem-er-ral) fleeting; momentary; existing for a short time.

Remember: Flicker like an EMERALD.

Answer: Egress is an exit. You got scared by a quacking duck and ran away.

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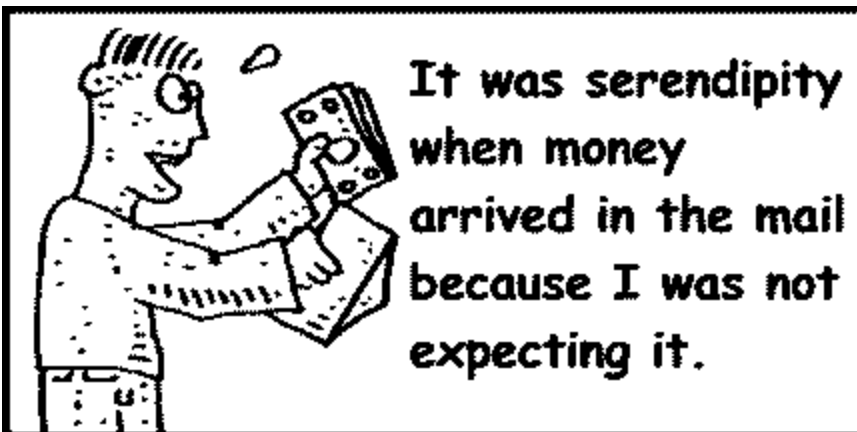


TRACTABLE (tract-ah-bul) flexible; compliant; meekly obedient and manageable.

Remember: On **TRACK** we are **ABLE**.

Question: You're in a boat. A strong assail is apparent. There is a reef ahead. Why don't you see it?

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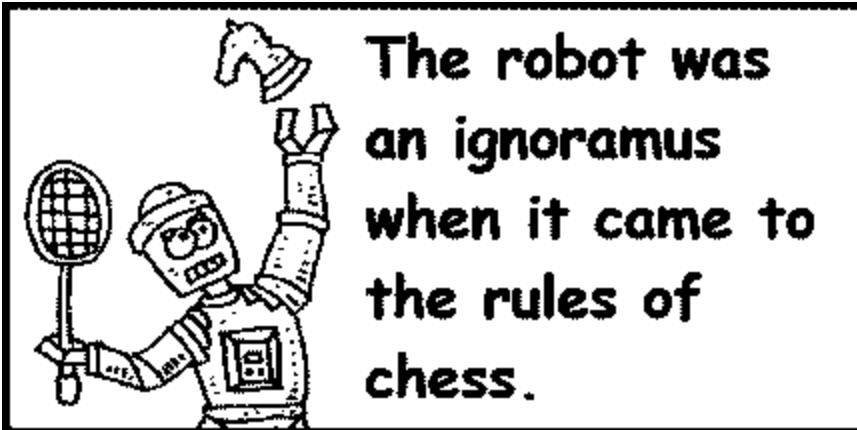


SERENDIPITY (ser-rend-dip-pit-tee) fluke; lucky; unexpected fortunate find.

Remember: **SURE** to **END** your **PITY**.

Answer: Assail means to attack violently. You're too busy fighting to look for reefs.

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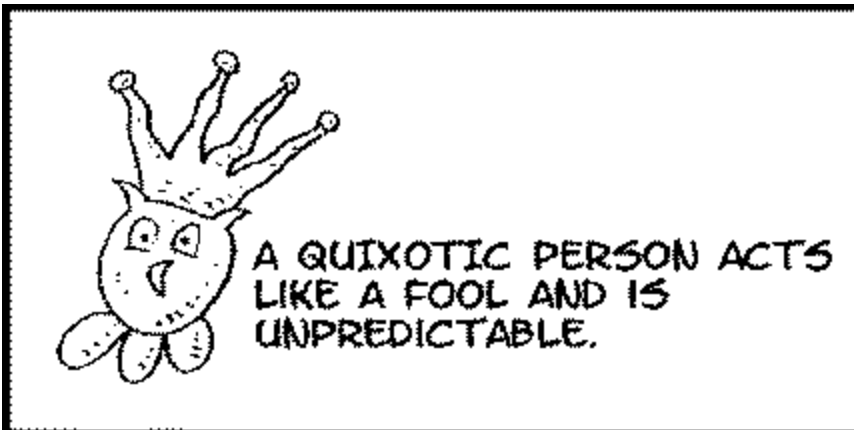


IGNORAMUS (ig-nor-ram-mus) fool; stupid; dunce; dumb without knowing it.

Remember: IGNORANT and AMUSED.

Question: I bake bread. I say, "You probably don't want some. You look aloof." Do you eat my bread?

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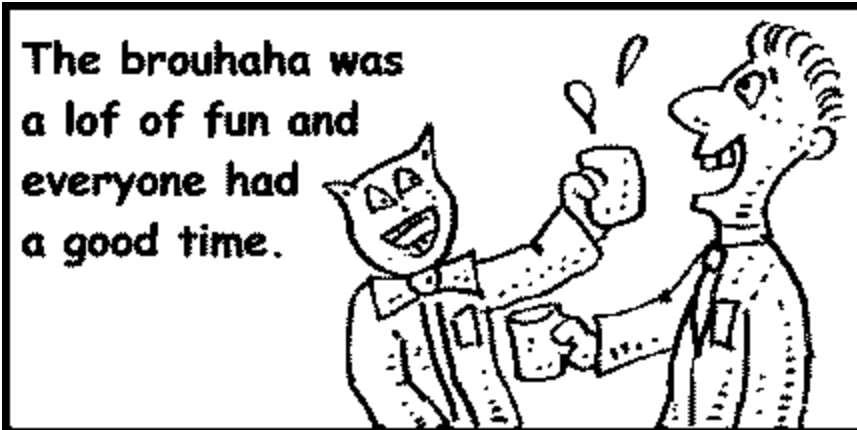


QUIXOTIC (qwiks-ot-tic) foolish; unrealistic; impulsively impractical and unpredictable.

Remember: QUICK to be NEUROTIC.

Answer: You say, "I like bread. I am not indifferent to it." Then you eat some. Being aloof means you are not uninterested.

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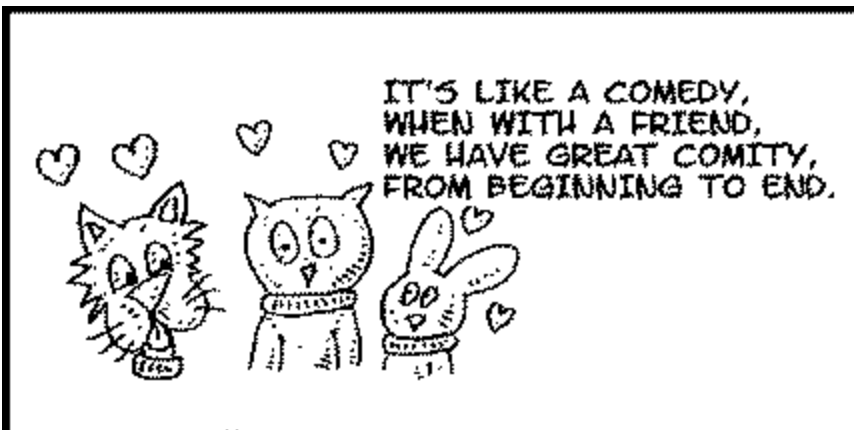


BROUHAHA (brew-ha-ha) fracas; uproar; brawl; ruckus or commotion.

Remember: Drink BREW and say, "HA-HA".

Question: You take your dog to a vet and you castigate him. You give him a treat. Why does he forgive you?

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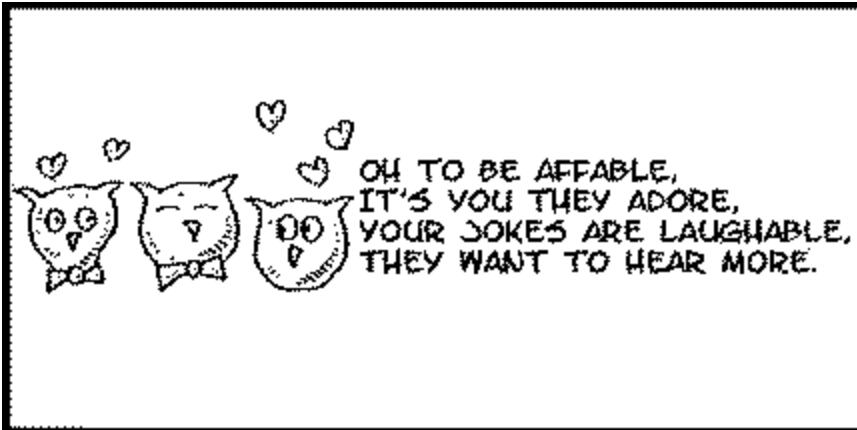


COMITY (com-mit-tee) friendly; coexisting; peaceful and harmonious relationship.

Remember: COMEDY when friendly.

Answer: Castigate means to chastise using a punishment. You only scolded him. You gave him a treat and he forgave you.

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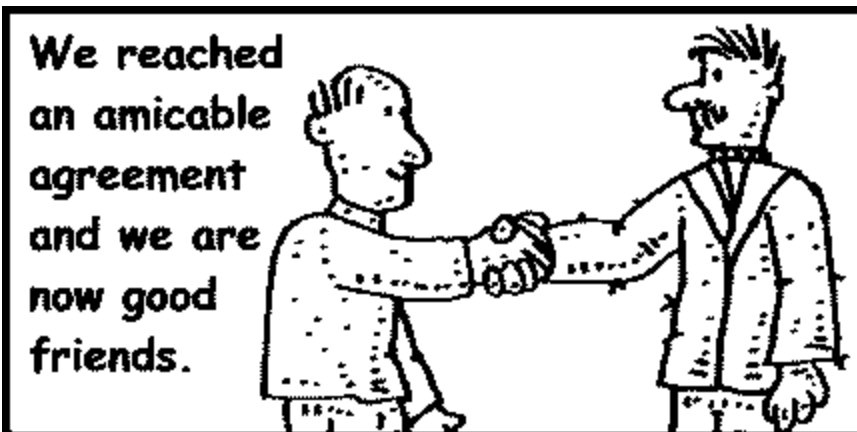


AFFABLE (af-ah-bul) friendly; pleasant; easygoing; likable and approachable.

Remember: Tell A FABLE to a friend.

Question: You won the lottery. You say you want to share it. Your words are euphonious. Are you honest?

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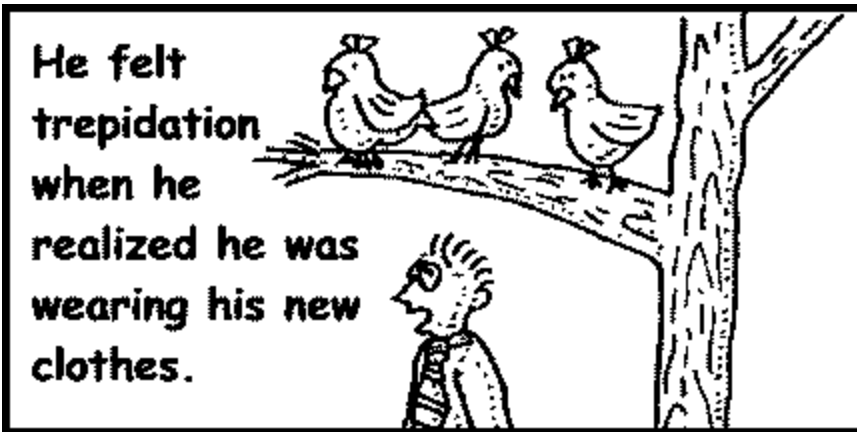


AMICABLE (amik-ah-bul) friendly; polite; harmonious agreeable solution.

Remember: On a MIKE over a CABLE we agree.

Answer: You are honest. Euphonious means saying pleasant sounding words. I liked your words.

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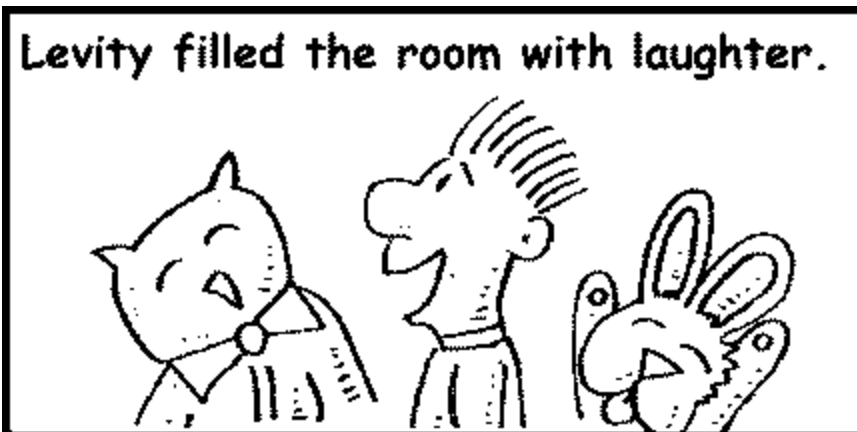


TREPIDATION (trep-pid-day-shun) fright; trembling fear and apprehension.

Remember: TREMBLE from INTIMIDATION.

Question: A pachyderm knocked into my tachometer. How did you guess it is a hippo?

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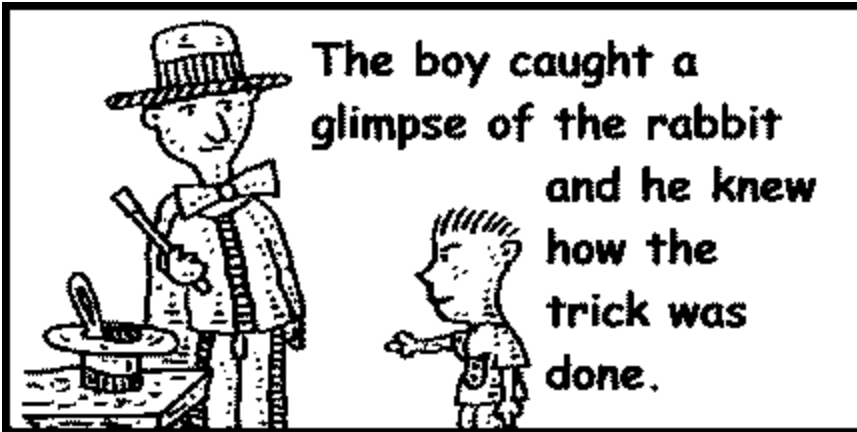


LEVITY (lev-it-tee) giddy; mirth; amusement. enjoying happy things.

Remember: LEVITATE our spirits.

Answer: A tachometer measures water flow. Hippos live in the water.

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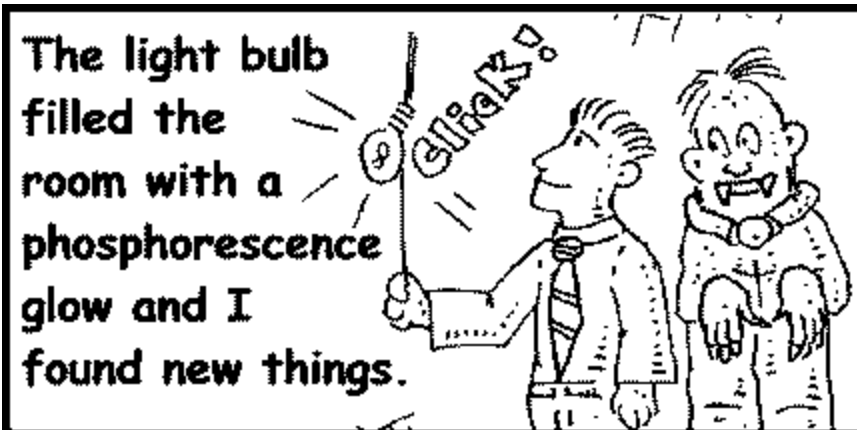


GLIMPSE (glimps) glance; look; spy; looking at something briefly.

Remember: GLIMMER is brief.

Question: A genius and a dolt with an idiosyncrasy are standing outside. How many are standing there?

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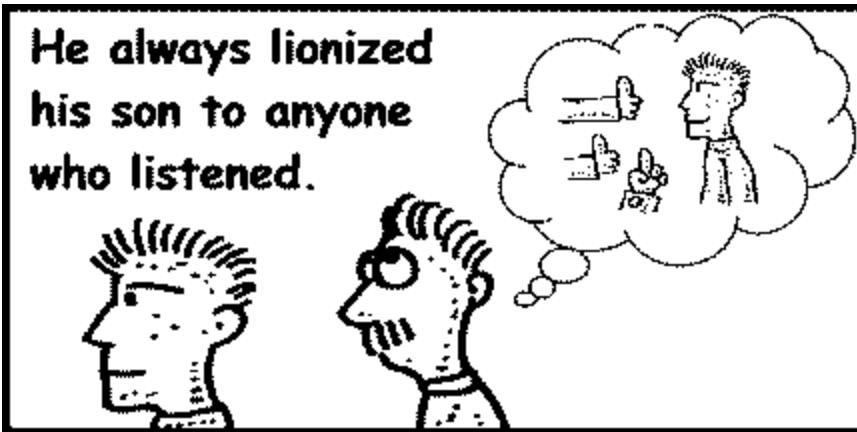


PHOSPHORESCENCE (fos-for-res-sense) glow; shining luminous light.

Remember: PHOSPHOR ESSENCE glows.

Answer: Two. An Idiosyncrasy is a physical or mental habit. An Idiosyncrasy is not a person. It is a characteristic.

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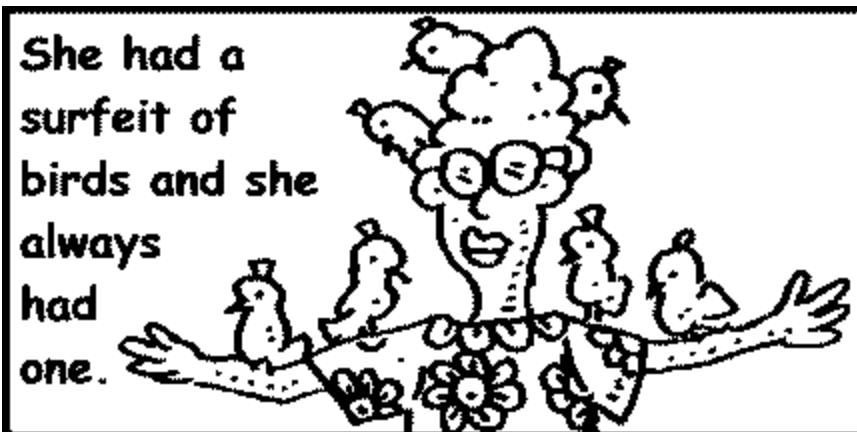


LIONIZE (lie-on-nized) glorify; celebrate; idolize; treating a person as if they are famous.

Remember: LION in our EYES.

Question: You wake up at night. You realize the zeitgeist is wearing all white. Why are you not scared of it?

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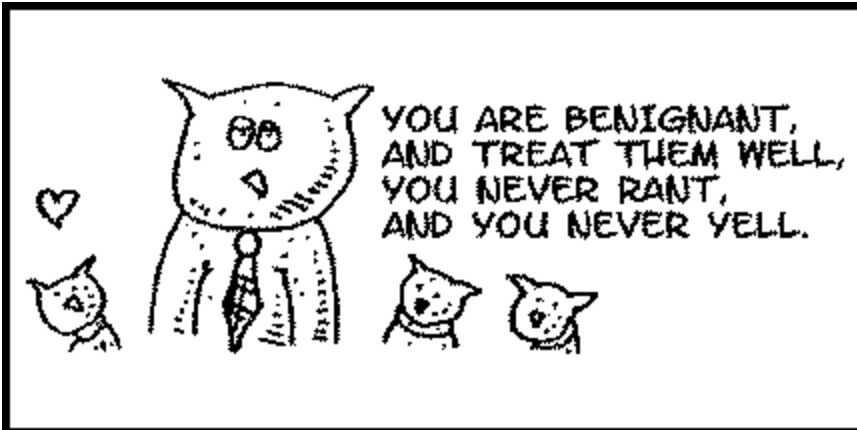


SURFEIT (sir-fit) glut; satiety; excess; excessive amount.

Remember: Do it again like the SURF and FIT it all.

Answer: A Zeitgeist is the spirit of the time or the style of a generation. Wearing white is a style.

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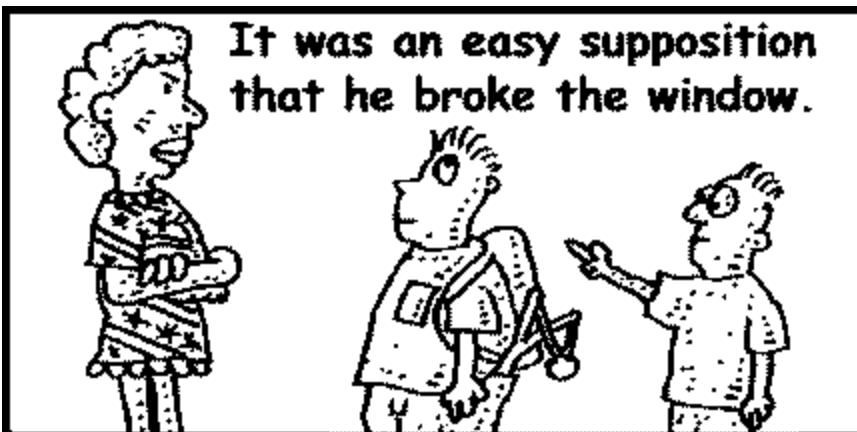


BENIGNANT (be-nig-nant) gracious; good; kindly; kind and gracious leader.

Remember: BENEFICIAL GIANT is a good leader.

Question: You react badly when I redact your second act. Why did you react badly?

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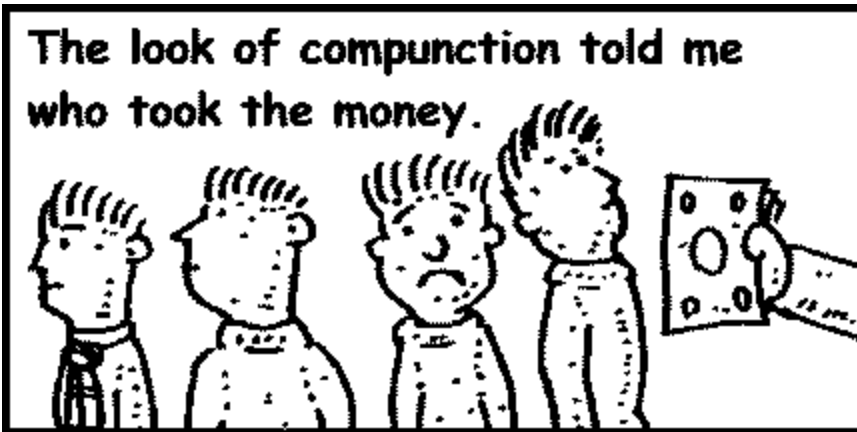


SUPPOSITION (sup-oh-sish-shun) guesswork; believing a speculation without evidence.

Remember: SUPPOSE your POSITION.

Answer: I blacked out lines in the second act of your play. Redact means to edit out. I ruined it.

Jun 24



COMPUNCTION (com-punk-shun) guilt; remorseful guilt and repentance.

Remember: COMPLAINING PUNK feels guilty.

Question: You go for a drive. You have to devoid a truck. You are exasperated. How do I know the truck is empty?

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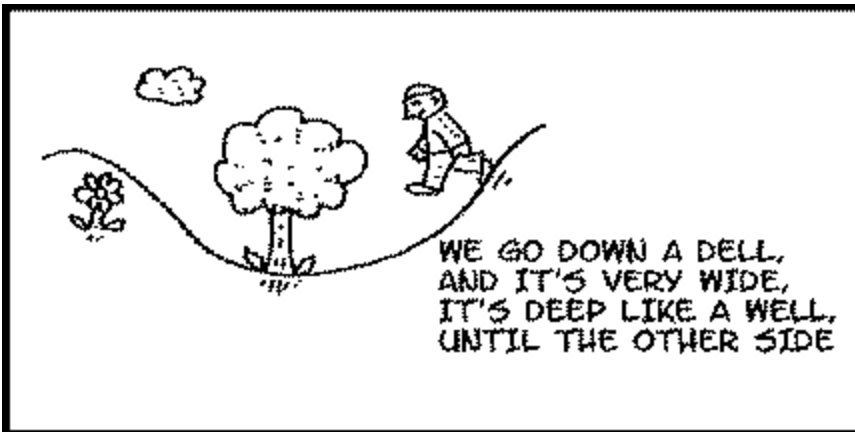


QUAFF (kwaf) gulp; swig; guzzle; gulping a beverage quickly.

Remember: LAUGH when we drink.

Answer: Devoid means making vacant or being empty. You emptied the truck.

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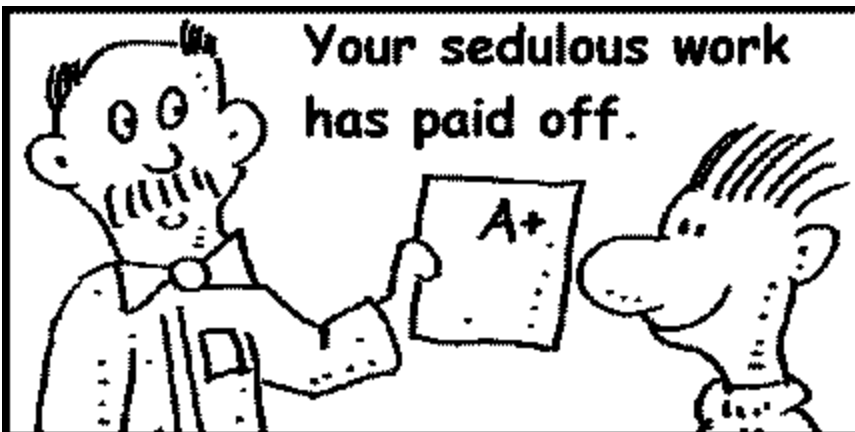


DELL (del) hallow; dale; ravine;
small valley covered with grass or trees.

Remember: DECLINE into a valley.

Question: You find a treasure map. You say, "This is not esoteric." Do you find the treasure?

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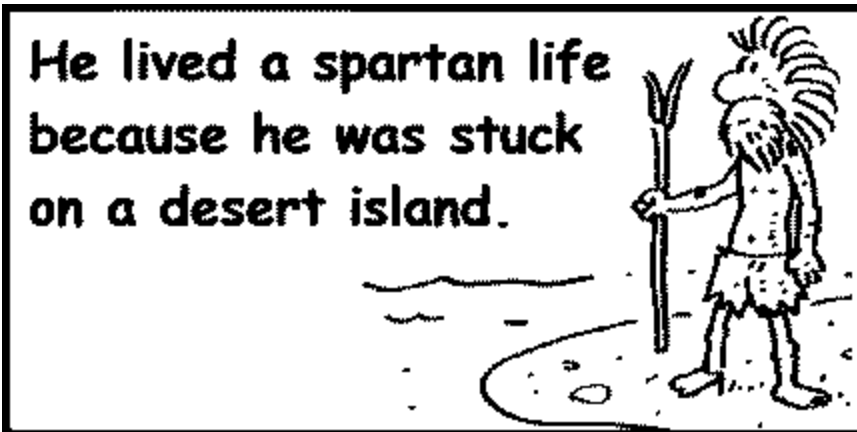


SEDULOUS (said-you-lus) hard-working; busy;
actively paying persistent attention.

Remember: SAID you LUST to know.

Answer: Yes. Esoteric means only understood by those who have the secret. It's not esoteric because you can understand the map.

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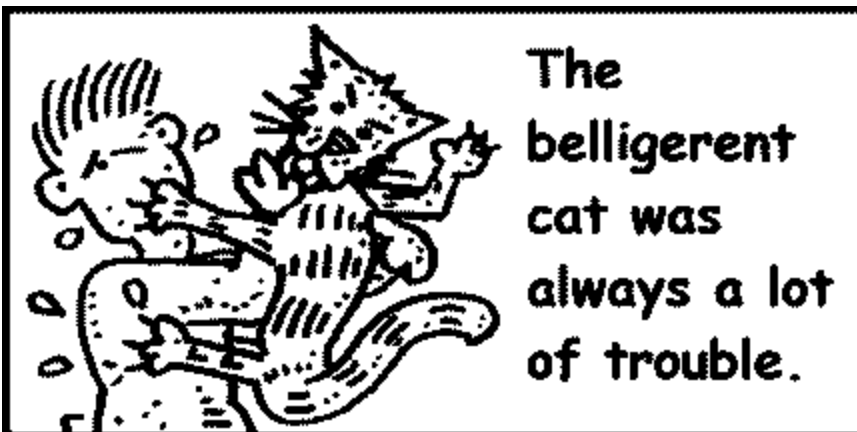


SPARTAN (spar-tan) hardy; brave; simple; able to do without fancy things.

Remember: Eat SPARSE and become TAN.

Question: You stand at a newsstand, notwithstanding your brother. Are you in good standing with your brother?

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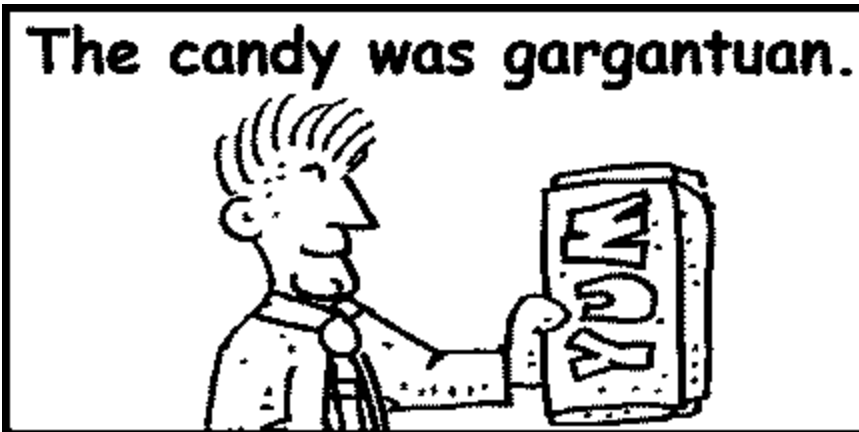


BELLIGERENT (be-lidge-er-rent) hostile; contentiously combative and prone to war.

Remember: Ring the BELL of a GENT.

Answer: No. Notwithstanding means "in spite of." You stand there despite your brother standing there too.

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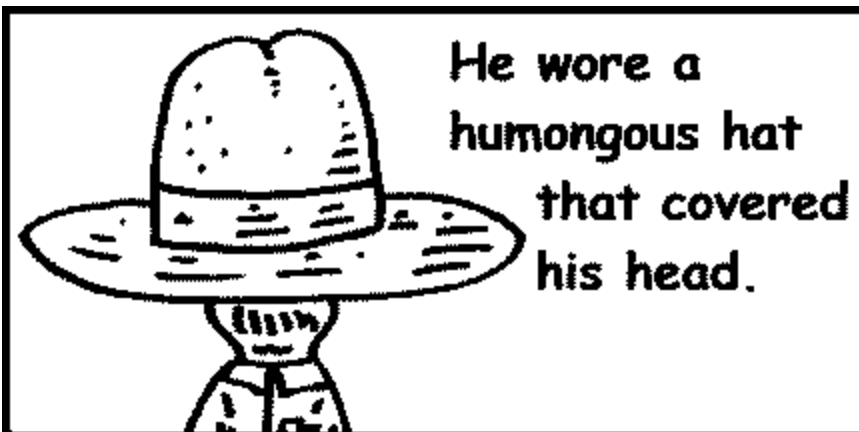


GARGANTUAN (gar-gan-chew-wan) huge; giant; massive and large.

Remember: GARAGE for big things.

Question: A sailor shows you where his navel is. He is standing on a submarine. How do you know he is not wearing a shirt?

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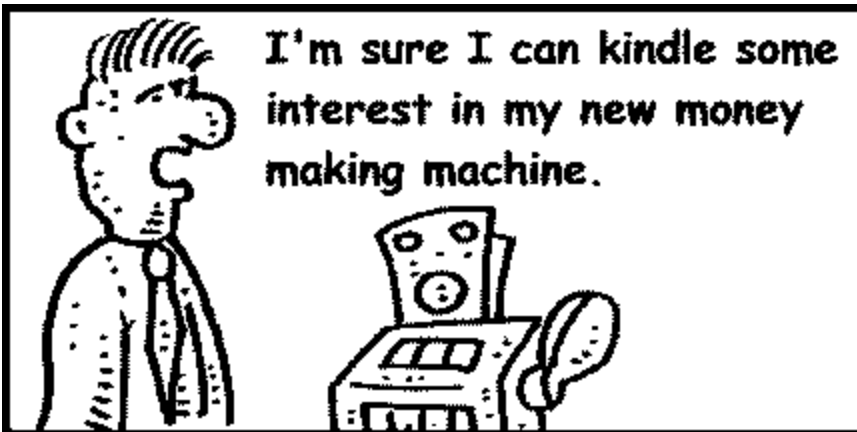


HUMONGOUS (you-mong-us) huge; tremendous; immense and big.

Remember: HUGE and MONGO.

Answer: A navel is a belly button. He is not wearing a shirt because you can see it.

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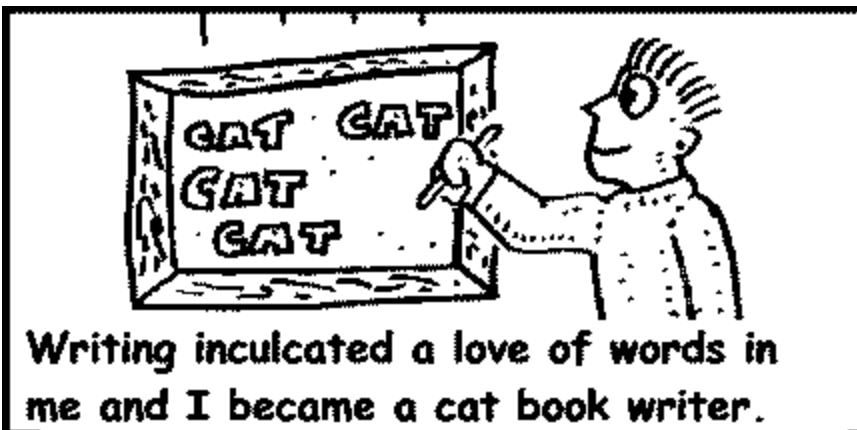
I'm sure I can kindle some interest in my new money making machine.

KINDLE (kin-dul) ignite; inflame; encourage; sparking interest and excitement.

Remember: KINDLING sticks start fires.

Question: Your friend bets you will help him. You think about it and you abet him. Did he win the bet?

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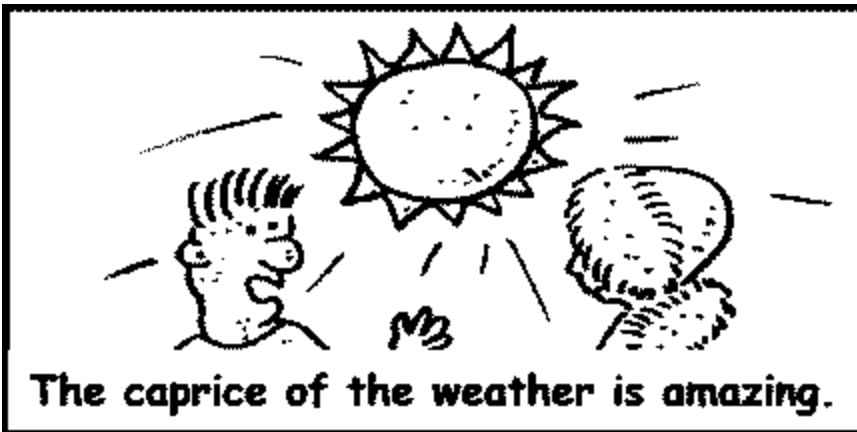
Writing inculcated a love of words in me and I became a cat book writer.

INCULCATE (in-cul-kayte) impart; educate; instil; teaching persistently and earnestly.

Remember: Take IN and CALCULATE teaching.

Answer: Yes. Abet means to help someone to do something.

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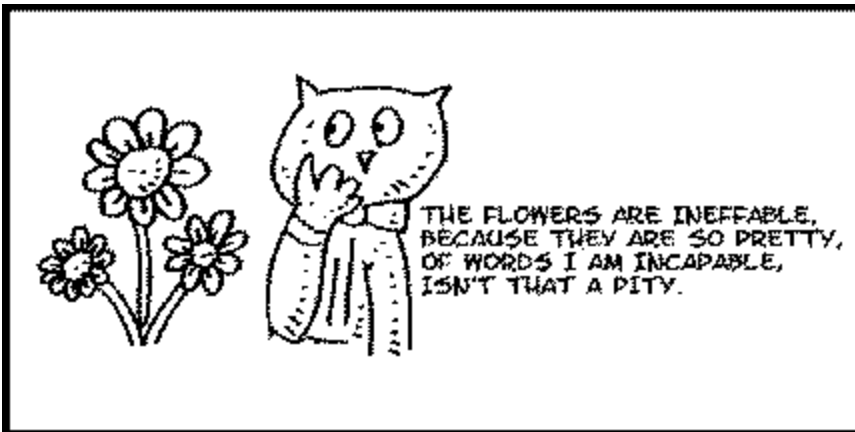


CAPRICE (ca-preese) impulsive; unpredictable; changing and inspired on a whim.

Remember: CAUSE PRICES are unpredictable.

Question: What is a pivotal moment?

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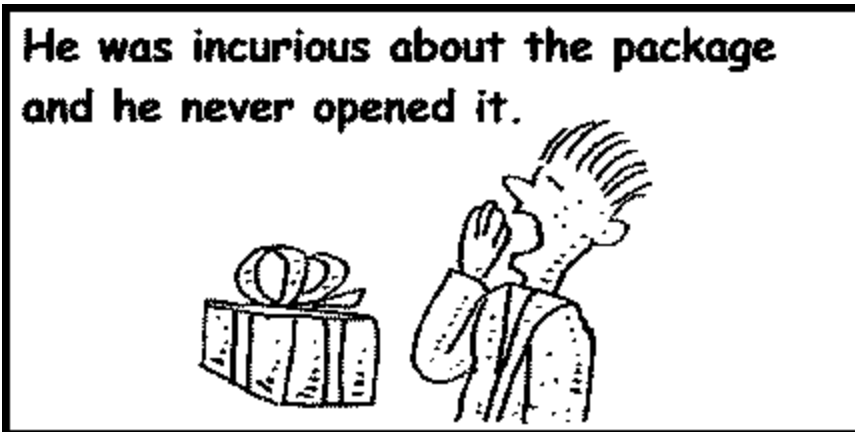


INEFFABLE (in-ef-ah-bul) unspeakable; indescribable with words.

Remember: INEPT at telling a FABLE.

Answer: A pivotal moment is a crucial moment where you have to make an important decision.

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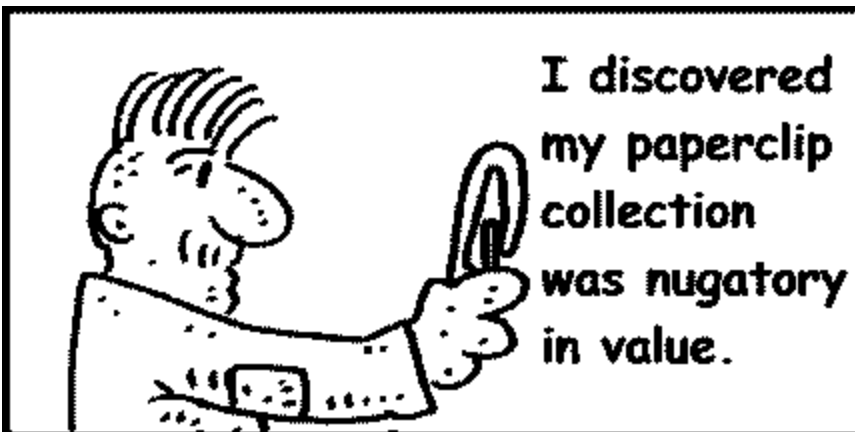


INCURIOS (in-cure-re-owse) indifferent; apathetic lack of interest.

Remember: UN CURIOUS.

Question: You sit in solicitude. People are all around you. How is that possible?

Jul 7



NUGATORY (new-ga-tor-re) ineffectual; trifling; valueless and of little importance.

Remember: NUGGET STORY is not important.

Answer: Solicitude means to worry. You are sitting and worrying with people around you.



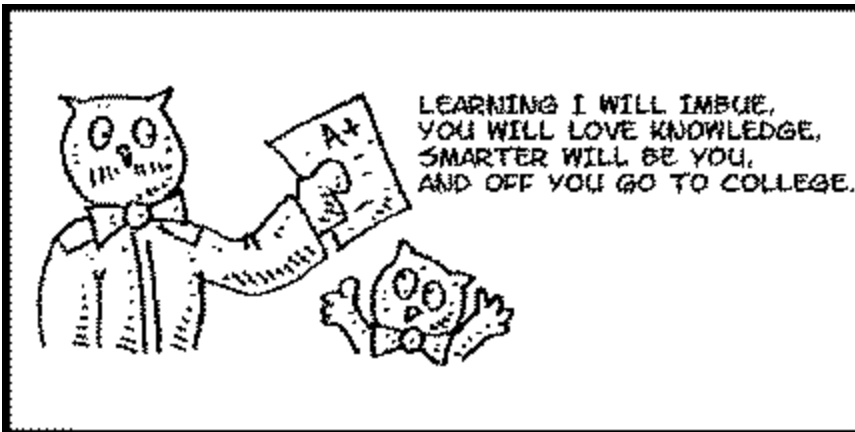
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INAPT (in-apt) inept; clumsy; amiss;
not appropriate or inapt actions.

Remember: Stays IN our APARTMENT when bad.

Question: You always have invariable weather. What don't you ever watch on television?

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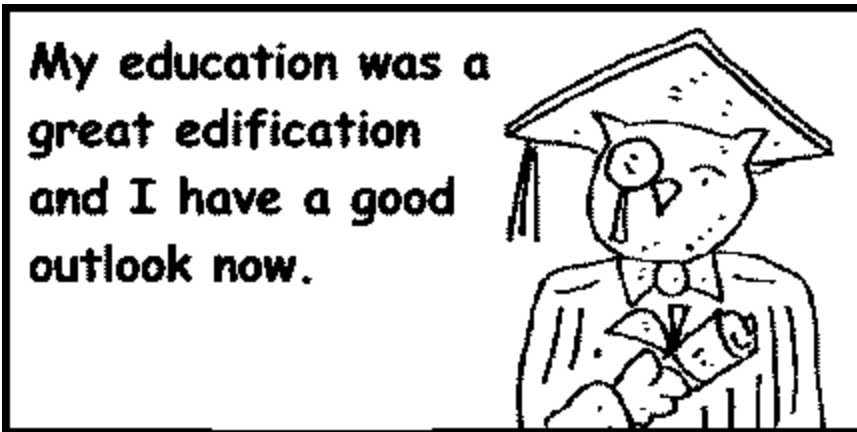


IMBUE (imm-byou) instil; ingrain; inspire;
persuading to a good opinion.

Remember: IN love with BEAU who teaches.

Answer: The Weather Channel. Invariable means always the same.

Jul 10



EDIFICATION (ed-dee-fi-kay-shun) instruction; uplifting moral teachings.

Remember: EDITORIAL gave an EDUCATION.

Question: You go through an egress. What did you go through?

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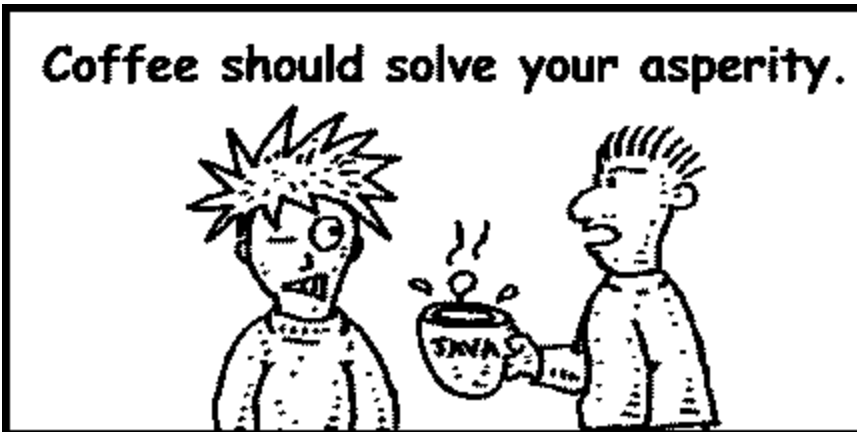


DIDACTIC (dye-dak-tik) instructive; preachy; enlightening lesson in a story.

Remember: I DID ACT after learning.

Answer: An exit.

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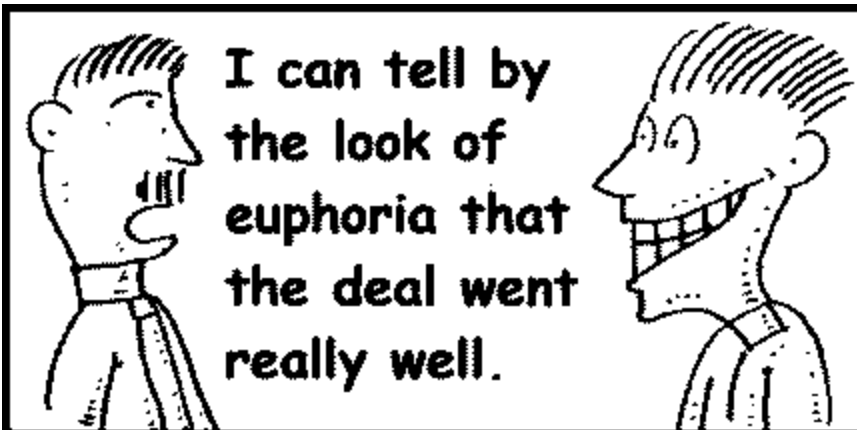


ASPERITY (ah-spare-it-tee) irritable; sternness; severely exhibiting a harsh attitude.

Remember: ASPIRIN TEA because I am irritable.

Question: When does time make you timorous?

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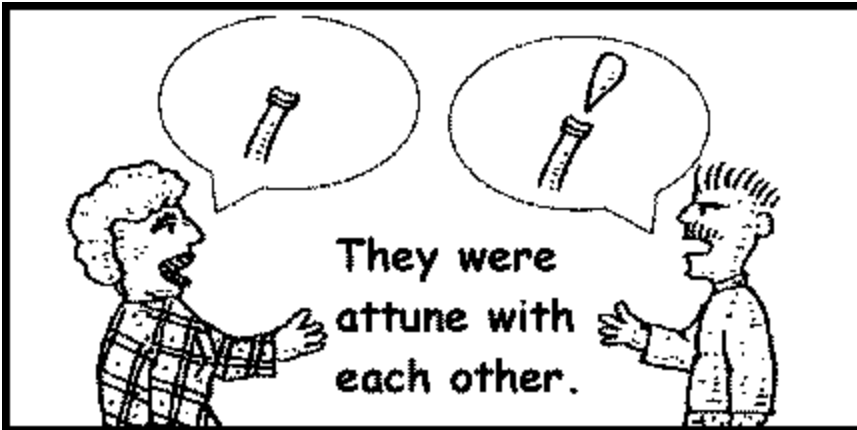


EUPHORIA (you-for-re-ya) joy; glee; elation; happily enjoying a good feeling.

Remember: YOU say "yay" FOR YAH.

Answer: When you are late. Timorous means being afraid.

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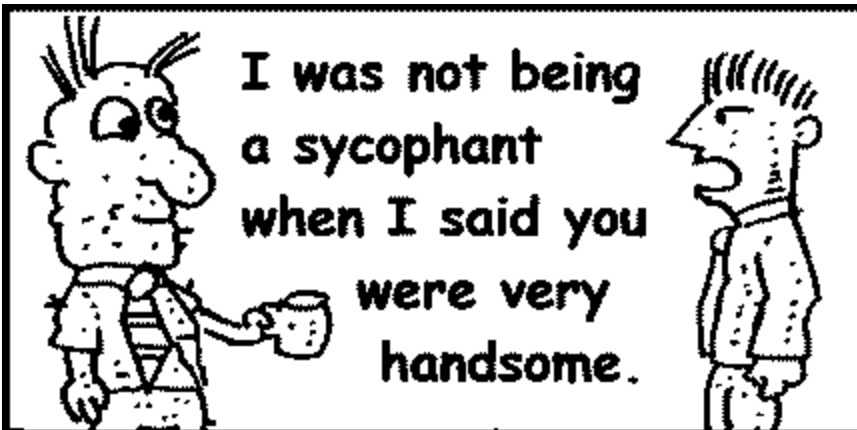


ATTUNE (ah-toon) kinship; being in tune; harmonious relationship.

Remember: Sing A TUNE with others.

Question: You visit the hinterland. What don't you get a hint of?

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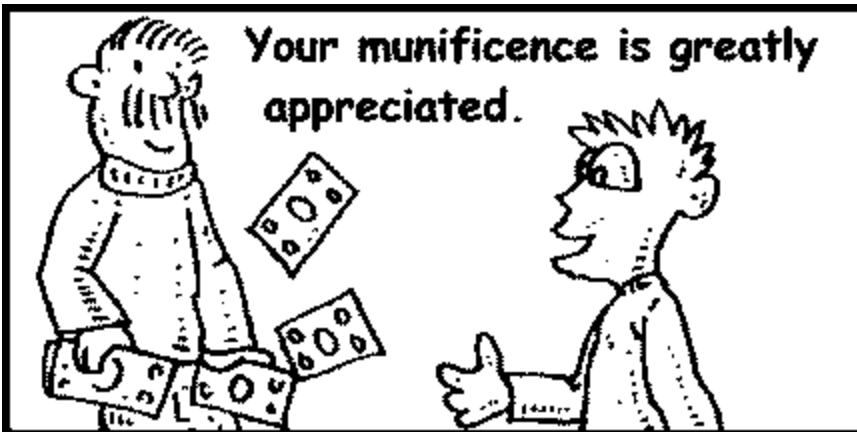


SYCOPHANT (sik-ko-fant) lackey; servile; flunky; flattering with lies for gain.

Remember: SICKO PANTS as he flatters.

Answer: People. Hinterland is the remote part of a country where no one lives.

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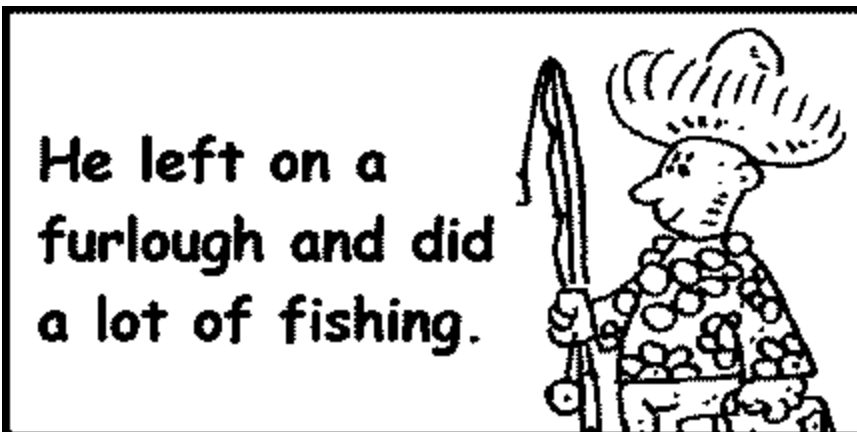


MUNIFICENCE (mune-nif-ee-sents) lavish; benevolently generous and giving a lot.

Remember: MONEY to you is just CENTS.

Question: You brew up a big brouhaha. What have you made?

Jul 17



FURLOUGH (fur-lo) layoff; leave; vacation; temporary layoff for rest.

Remember: Wear a FUR when we GO.

Answer: You brewed up an uproar. It's a ruckus or a commotion.

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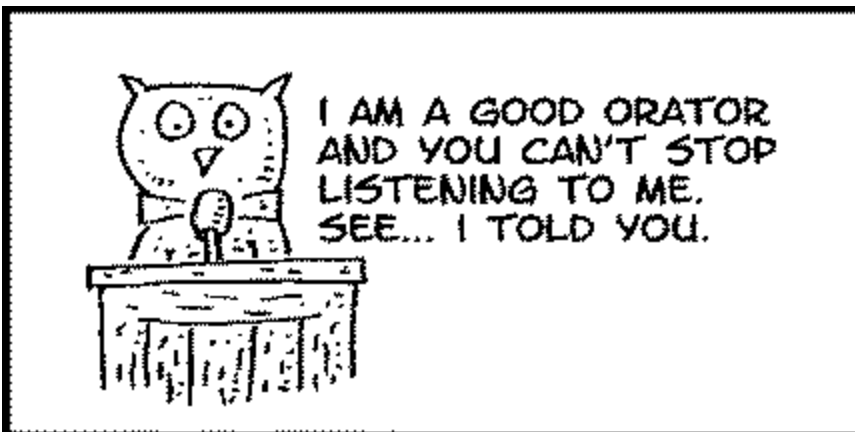


TYRO (tie-row) learner; amateur; novice; beginner or rookie who makes mistakes.

Remember: TYKE ROW is a child level.

Question: Your turtle has a hard shell. It is fully amorous. Why is it not afraid of the bigger turtle?

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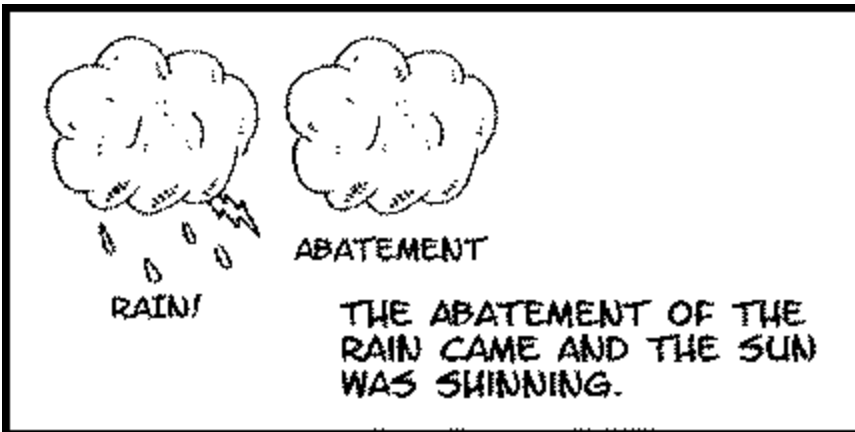


ORATOR (or-ray-tor) lecturer; speaker; spellbinder; person who speaks well.

Remember: ORAL TOUR.

Answer: Amorous means to be romantic or in love. You don't fight when you're in love.

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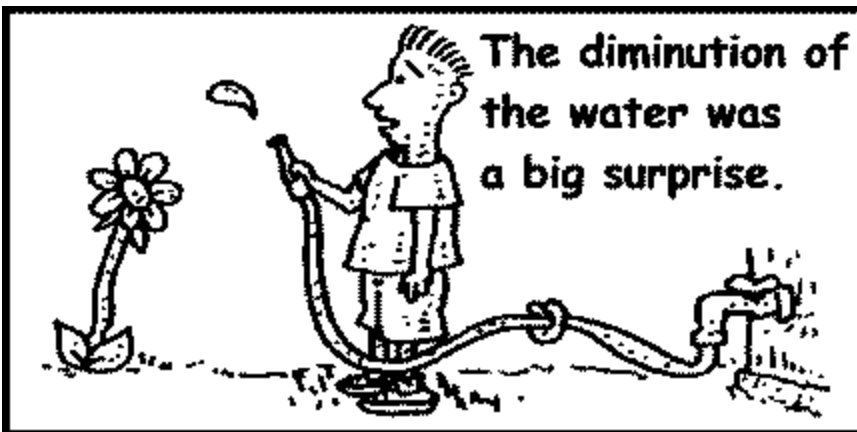


ABATEMENT (ah-bayt-ment) lessening;
diminishing to the point of ending.

Remember: BASEMENT is where the house ENDS.

Question: You wear a sweater. Are you demure because it is azure?

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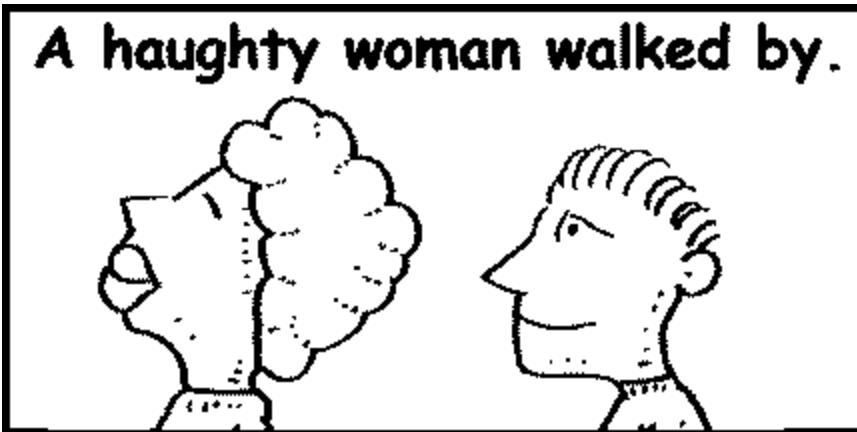


DIMINUTION (dim-min-new-shun) lessening;
weakening and declining to a low point.

Remember: DIMINISH to NOTHING.

Answer: No. Azure is a blue colour. Demure means shy. The colour makes no difference.

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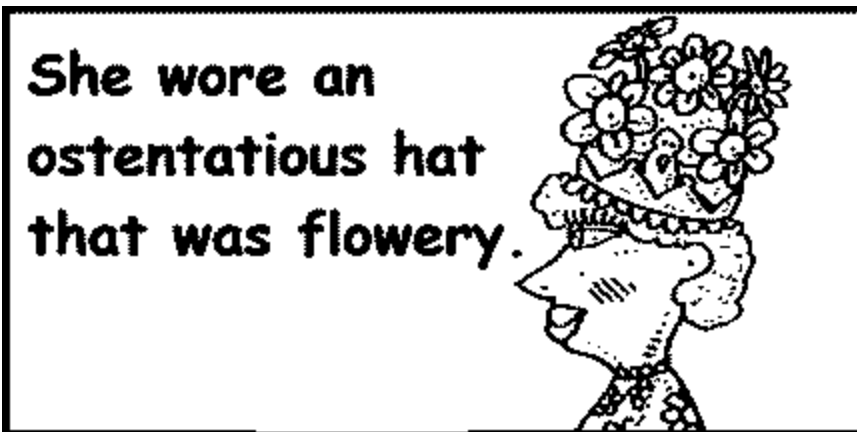


HAUGHTY (haw-tee) lordly; imperious; arrogant; condescending proud attitude.

Remember: HEIGHT above ME.

Question: You can't stop sneezing. You go to the doctor to get an anecdote. Does your sneezing stop?

Jul 23



OSTENTATIOUS (os-tent-tay-shis) loud; garish; flamboyantly gaudy and flashy.

Remember: OSTRICH is flashy.

Answer: No. An anecdote is a funny story. It does not cure colds.

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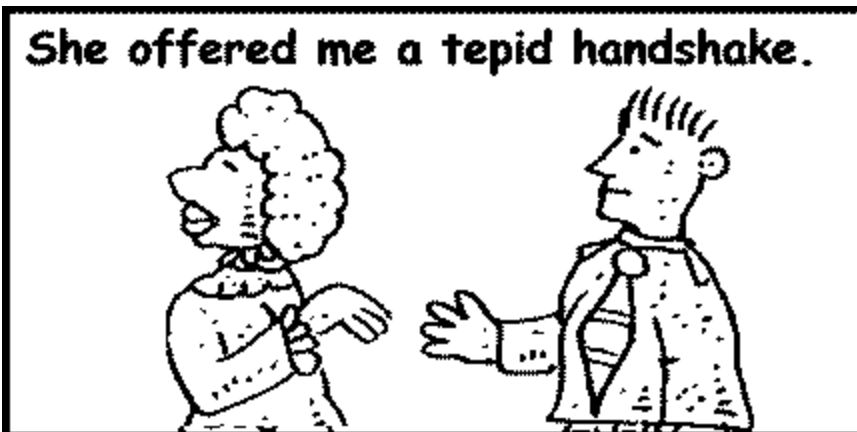


REMUNERATIVE (re-mewn-er-ra-tiv) lucrative; gainfully profiting a great amount.

Remember: REPEAT MONEY when ACTIVE.

Question: I glance it. You glimpse it. Who sees more of it?

Jul 25



TEPID (tep-pid) lukewarm; moderate; apathetic; warm and moderate.

Remember: PIDDLE is not much.

Answer: I do. A glance is longer than a glimpse. I saw more of it.

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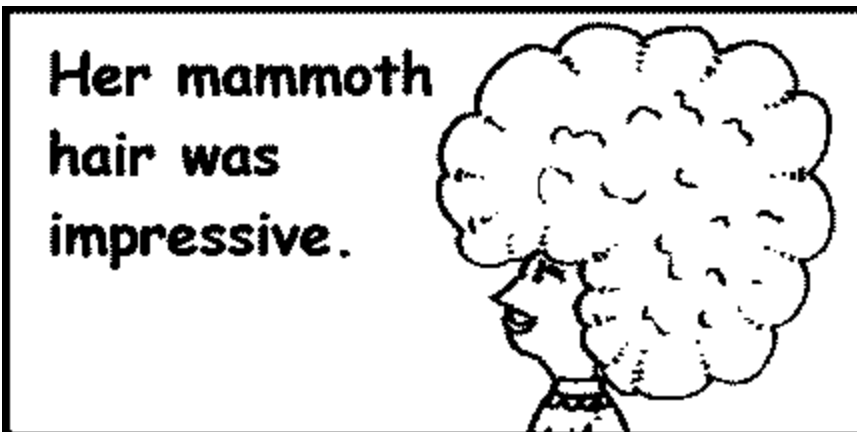


EUPHONIOUS (you-fone-ee-us) lyrical; pleasing harmonious words or sounds.

Remember: EUPHORIC sounds come from US.

Question: You find a comp in your camp. Why might you put out the campfire?

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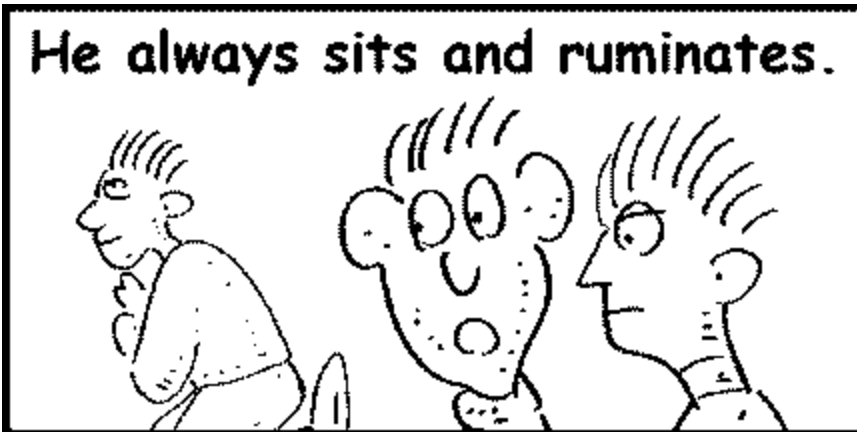


MAMMOTH (mam-moth) massive; large; big; huge in size.

Remember: MAM and MOTHER are bigger.

Answer: You leave and go use the comp. A comp is a coupon for getting free stuff.

Jul 28



RUMINATE (room-in-ate) meditate; brainstorm; considering by thinking hard.

Remember: Think in a ROOM and be INNATE.

Question: You're an inamorata. Why would a man walk ten miles in the snow?

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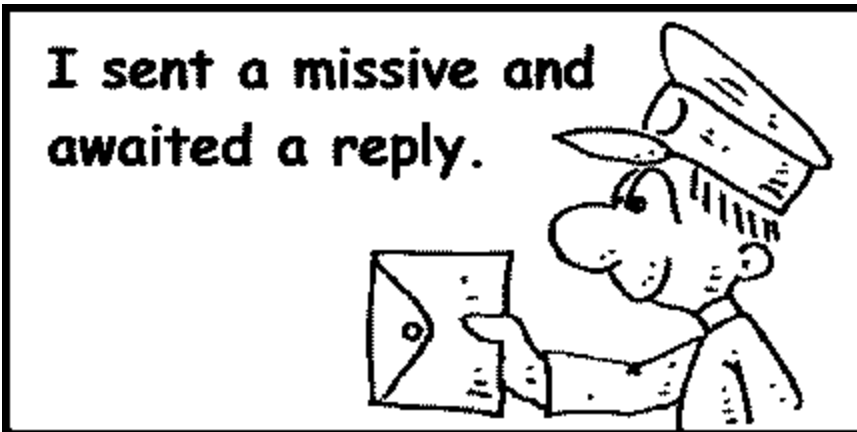


AMALGAMATE (ah-mal-ga-mayte) meld; alloy; combining together in a mix.

Remember: MALLS MATE and become one.

Answer: He wants to leave flowers on your doorstep. An inamorata is a woman who is loved. That's why.

Jul 30



MISSIVE (mis-siv) memo; note; letter; communication sent by mail.

Remember: MISS you I HAVE, so I sent a letter.

Question: Can you stand oculus to oculus with an octopus?

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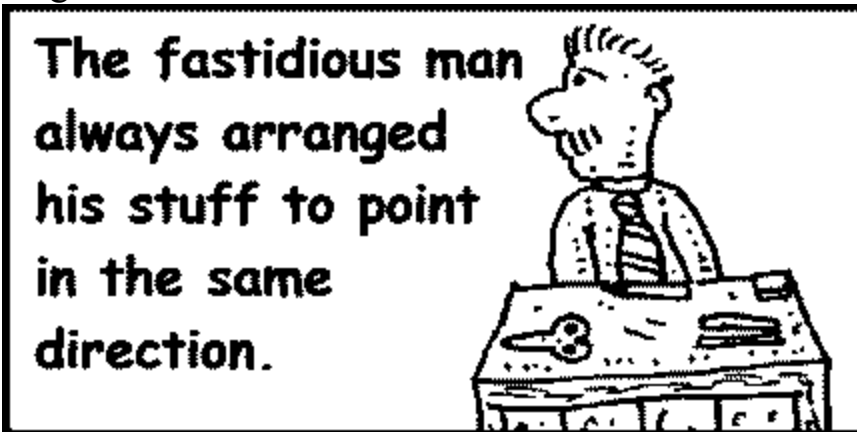


BLITHE (blythe) merry; jovial; Cheerful; Ignorantly happy.

Remember: At BIRTH we are happy.

Answer: Yes. An oculus is an eye. You are looking eye-to-eye.

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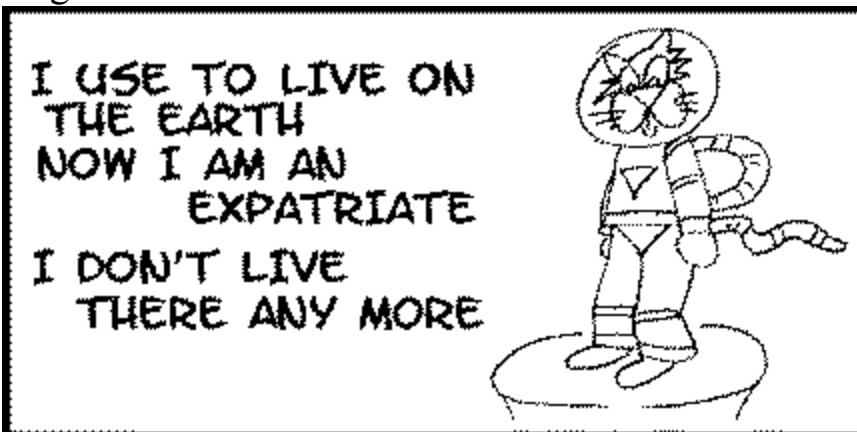


FASTIDIOUS (fast-tid-ee-owse) meticulous; picky; doing an exacting task with great care and thought.

Remember: FAST is HIDEOUS.

Question: You are contrarian to being a culinarian. What don't you like to do?

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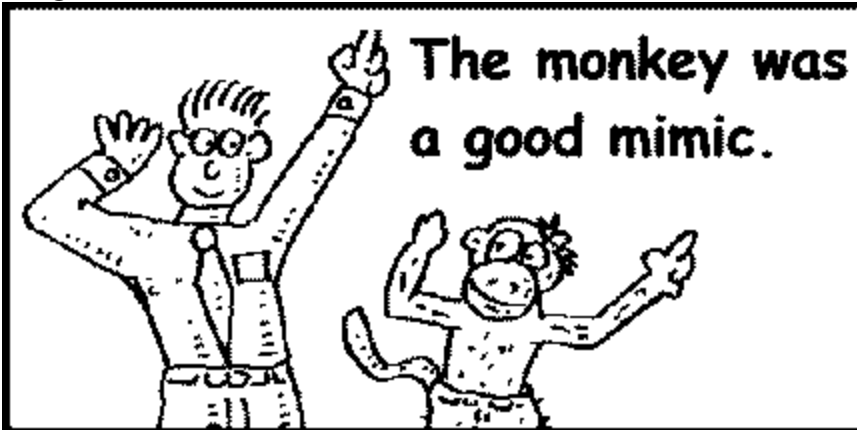


EXPATRIATE (ex-pay-tree-at) migrant; refugee; leaving a country and becoming an outcast.

Remember: EX PATRIOT lives in a new country.

Answer: Cook. A culinarian is a chef. Contrarian means a person who is opposed to something. You are opposed to being a cook.

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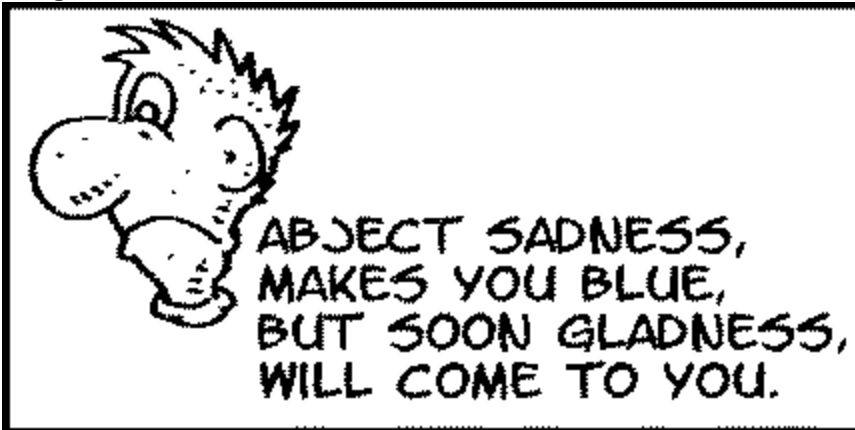


MIMIC (mim-mik) mime; copycat; imitate; copying the actions of another.

Remember: A MIME impersonates people.

Question: You recite prose and then repose. What are you doing now?

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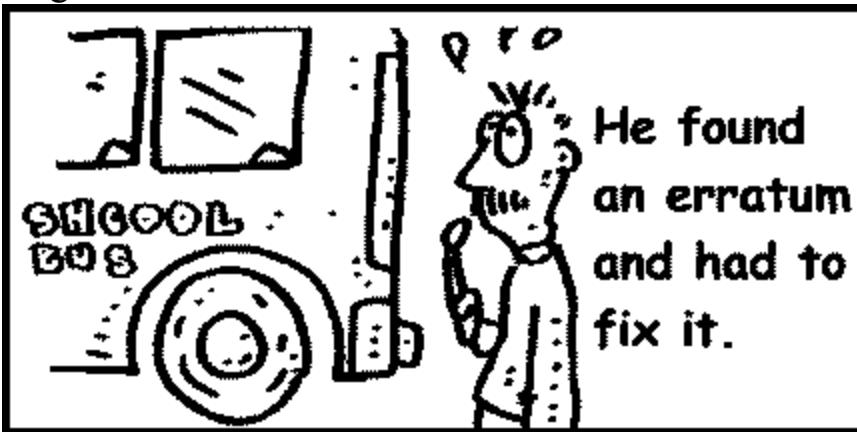


ABJECT (ab-jekt) miserable; wretched; dismal; ruined in a hopeless low state.

Remember: ABSOLUTE REJECT.

Answer: Sleeping. Repose means to sleep.

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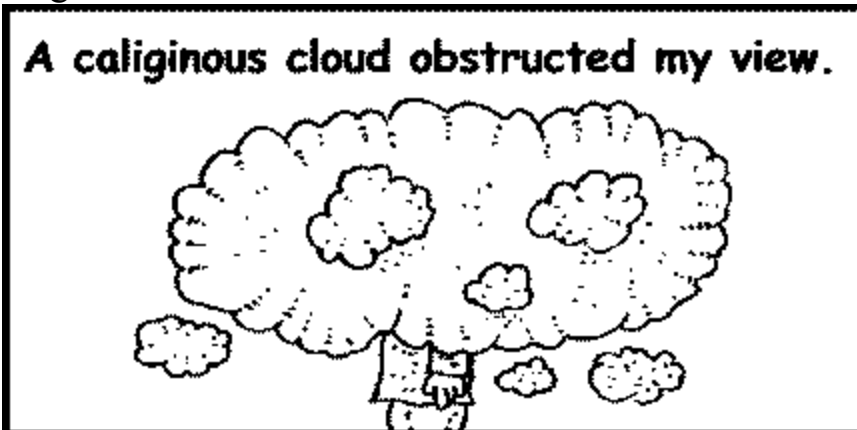


ERRATUM (err-rat-tum) misprint; typo; error; making a mistake in writing.

Remember: Make an **ERROR** and need a **TUMS**.

Question: A *Felis Catus* sits in your garden. Do you have to water it?

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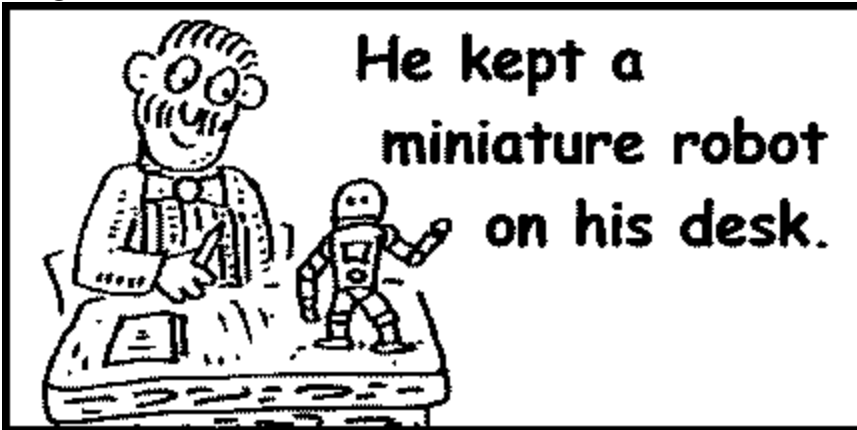


CALIGINOUS (kah-lidge-en-us) misty; murky; dark and gloomy.

Remember: **CALL** out like **GIN** to **US**.

Answer: No. It's a cat. Why water a cat?

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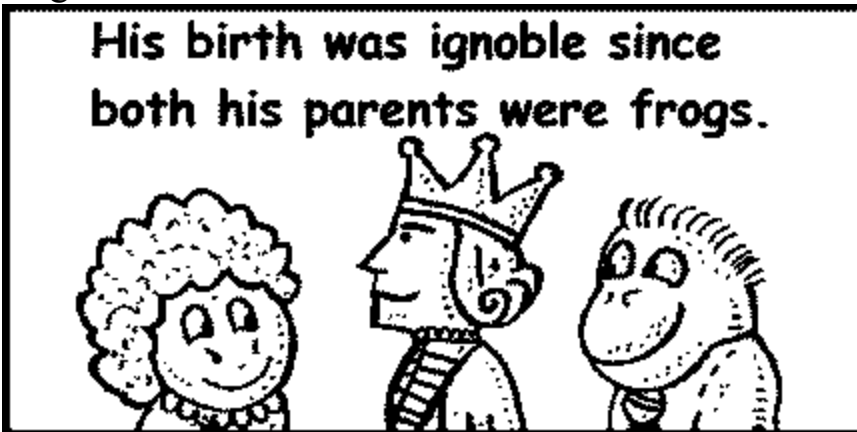


MINIATURE (min-ee-at-chur) model; mini; tiny; extremely small.

Remember: MINI CHARACTER is a replica.

Question: You smile and hand it to me when I wipe my face with it. Why?

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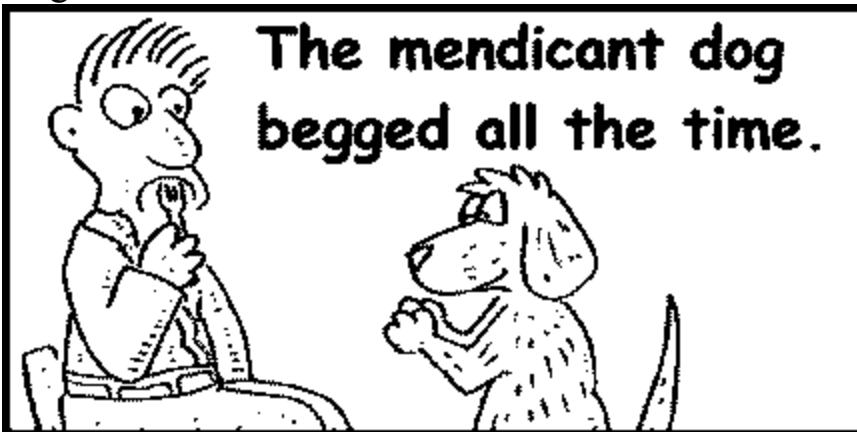


IGNOBLE (ig-no-bel) modest; peasant; unworthy; inferior birth or position.

Remember: ICKY NOBLE is born poor.

Answer: You're happy because you gave it back. Snaffle means to steal. You took it. I got it back. Nice and clean.

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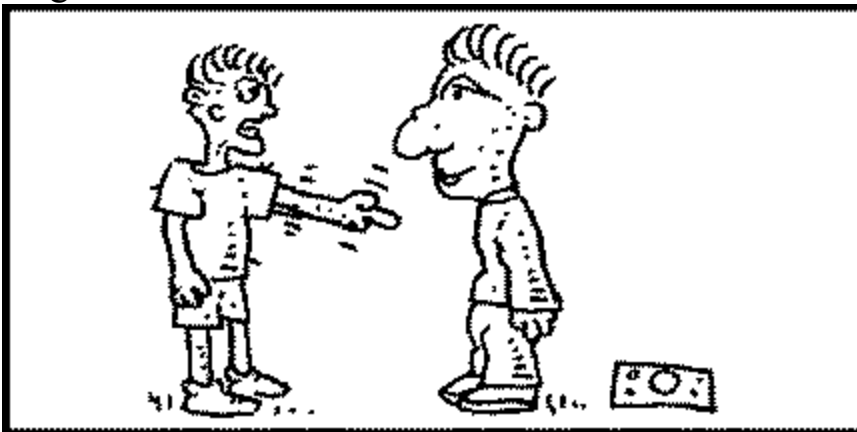


MENDICANT (mend-dee-kant) monk; hobo; begging panhandler.

Remember: MEND I CAN'T this poverty.

Question: I read you a didactic story. Did you like it?

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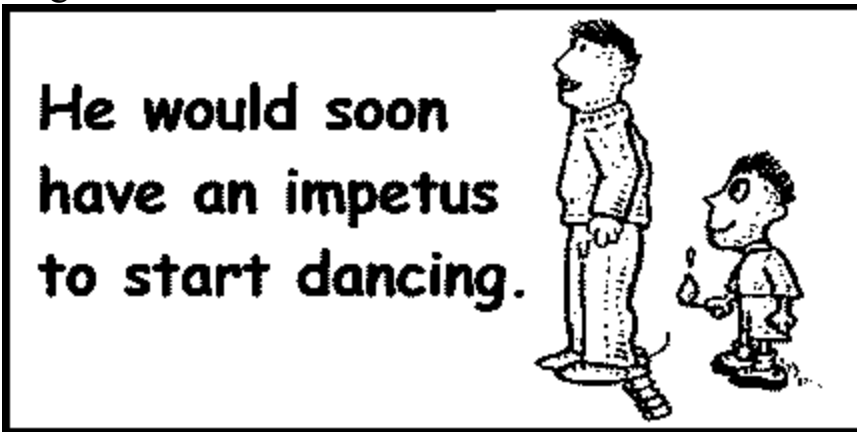


PROBITY (pro-bit-tee) morality; sincerity; rightness; trustworthy and honest.

Remember: PROBE for lies and find ITTY.

Answer: Yes. A didactic story is informative and improves your morale.

Aug 11



IMPETUS (imp-pit-tus) motivation; incentive; catalyst encouraging to action.

Remember: IMPRESS by PETTING US.

Answer: Loquacious means to talk too much and too freely. You're probably boring me.

Aug 12



ETCETERA (et-set-er-ah) more; additional; etc; referencing unlisted extras.

Remember: Add EXTRA to what we said.

Question: You're loquacious and gracious. Why do I put space between us?

Aug 13



PROTEAN (pro-tee-an) multifaceted; elastic; changing in shape or variety.

Remember: A PRO TEEN is good at changing.

Question: I am incredulous because you are sedulous. What did I say?



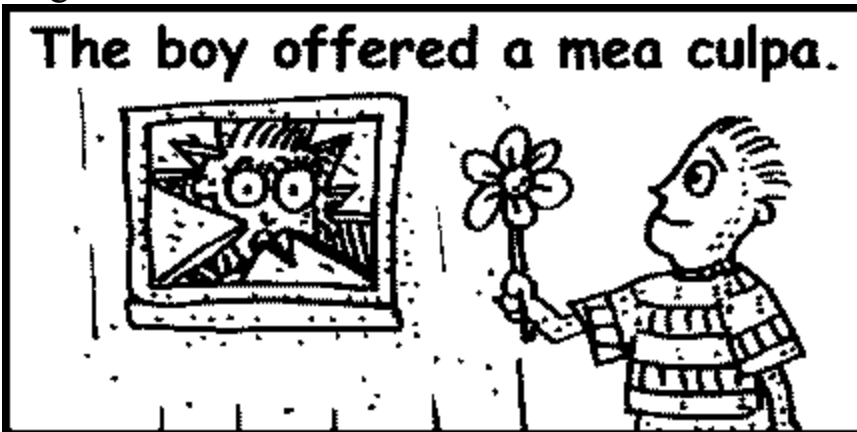
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BATHOS (ba-those) mushy; sentimental; gooey; funny sudden event in a serious story.

Remember: A BATH with "OHS" is romantic.

Answer: I am amazed because you are paying attention. Sedulous means paying persistent attention.

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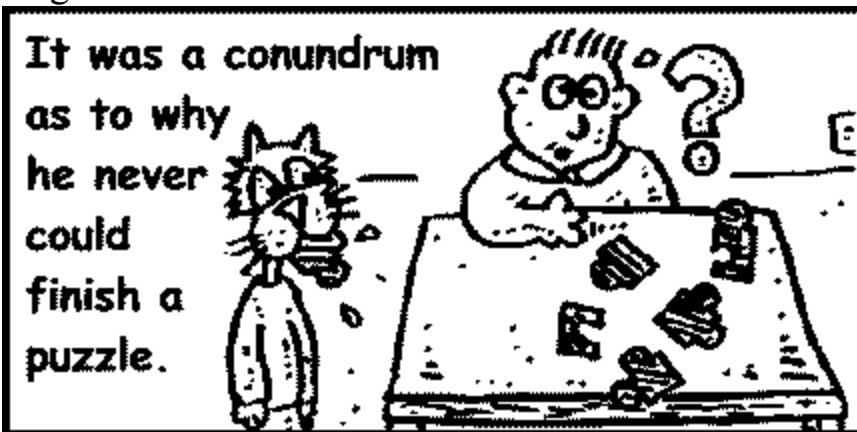


MEA CULPA (may-ah-kul-pa) my mistake;
admitting a personal error.

Remember: Guilt makes ME CULPABLE.

Question: Do you have an education in edification?

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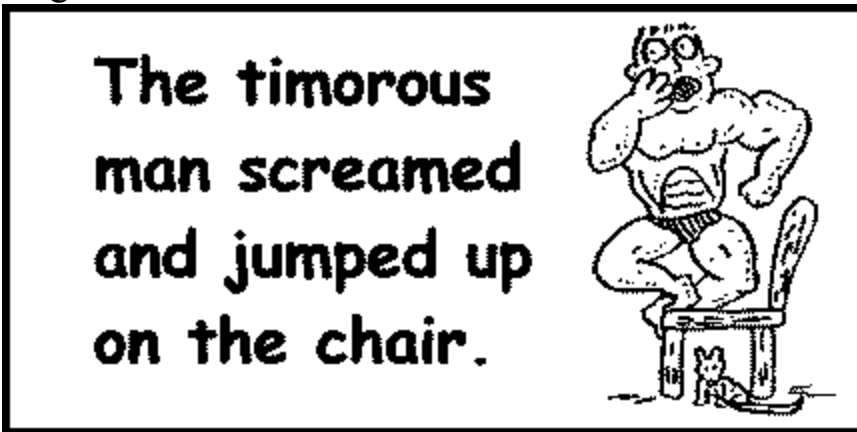


CONUNDRUM (con-nun-drum) mystery; puzzle;
confusing problem or riddle.

Remember: A CON DRUMS me out.

Answer: You do if you are schooled in something uplifting.

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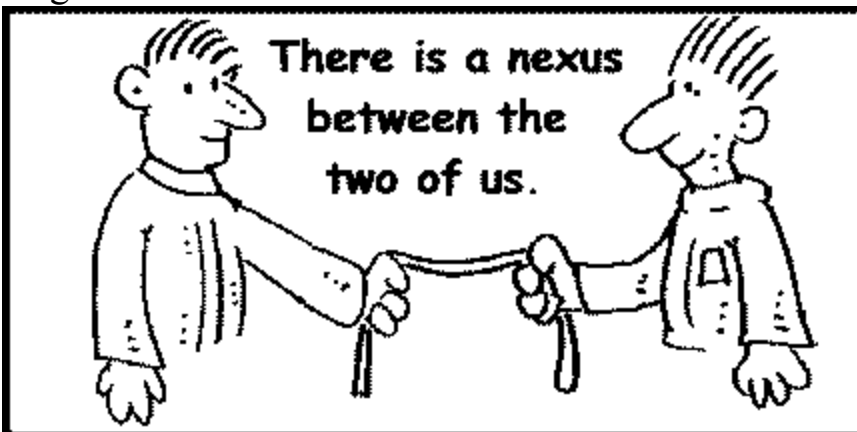


TIMOROUS (tim-or-rus) nervous; apprehensive; scared and fearful.

Remember: TIMID is US.

Question: You play a game against another team. You ameliorate them. Why aren't you happy?

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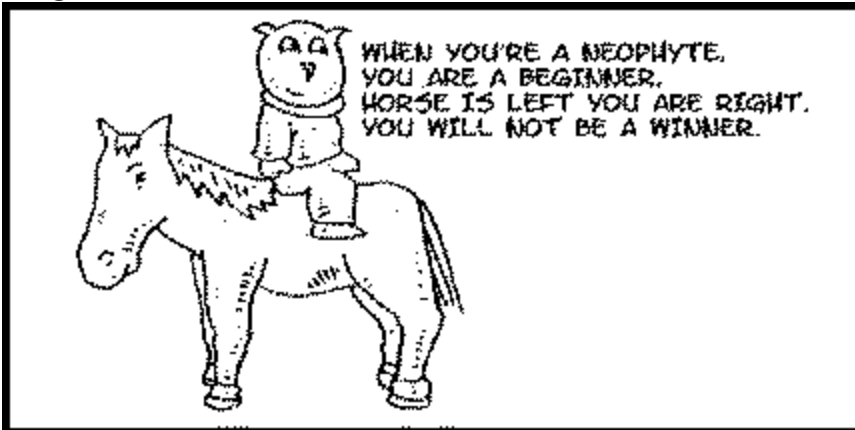


NEXUS (neks-us) network; union; connection; link or connection between two groups.

Remember: NEXT to US when we are linked.

Answer: Ameliorate means to improve something. You made them better.

Aug 19



NEOPHYTE (ne-oh-fite) newcomer; novice; trainee; person who makes mistakes due to inexperience.

Remember: NEW to the FIGHT.

Question: You close your eyes and hold out your hand. You feel the ennui. Why don't you like it?

Aug 20



MISNOMER (mis-nohm-er) nickname; misname; Incorrectly saying a name or word.

Remember: MISS NAME.

Answer: Ennui means to feel bored. It's not much fun holding out your arms and getting tired.

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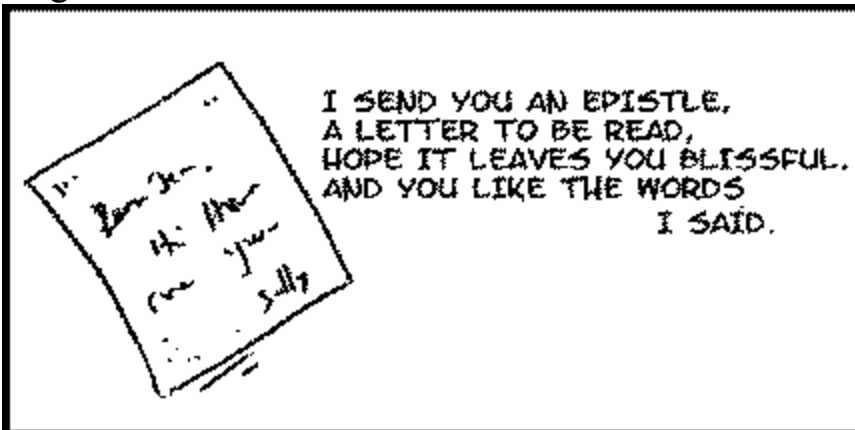


PETTIFOGGER (pet-tee-fog-er) nitpicker; quibbler; person who argues about trivia.

Remember: PETTY and FOGGY talking is trivial.

Question: I say, "You are apposite to a fun party." Why do you smile?

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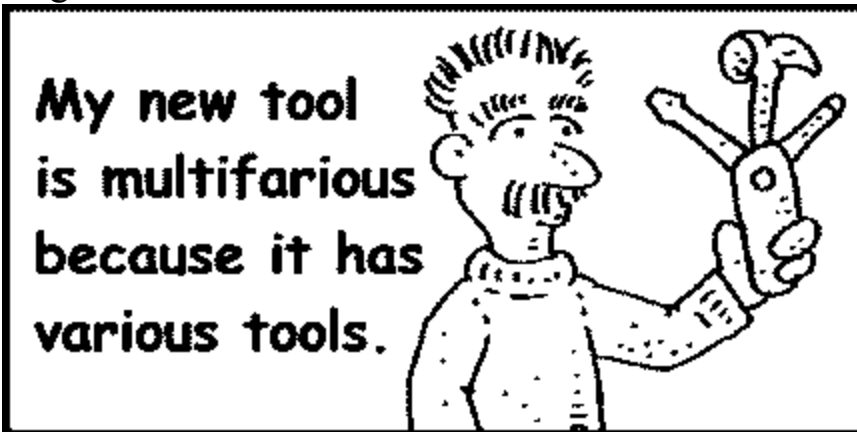


EPISTLE (ee-pis-el) note; letter; communication; message sent by messenger.

Remember: EPIC MISSILE.

Answer: Apposite means being relevant to or a good match. Where you thinking opposite?

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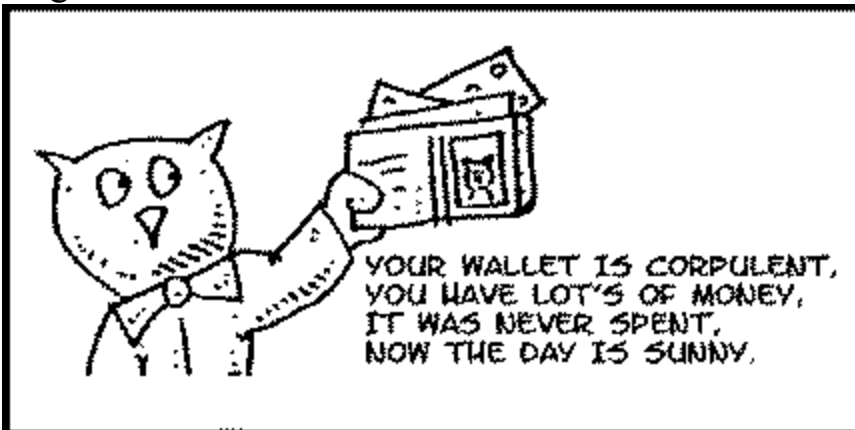


MULTIFARIOUS (mol-tee-fair-ee-us) varied; numerous parts or diversity.

Remember: MANY and VARIOUS things.

Question: In pedagogy, a parable should not be quixotic. What did I say?

Aug 24



CORPULENT (kor-pew-lent) obese; chubby; plump; large, fat and impressive.

Remember: CORE is PLUMP when full.

Answer: In the art of teaching, a story with a moral should not be a puzzle.

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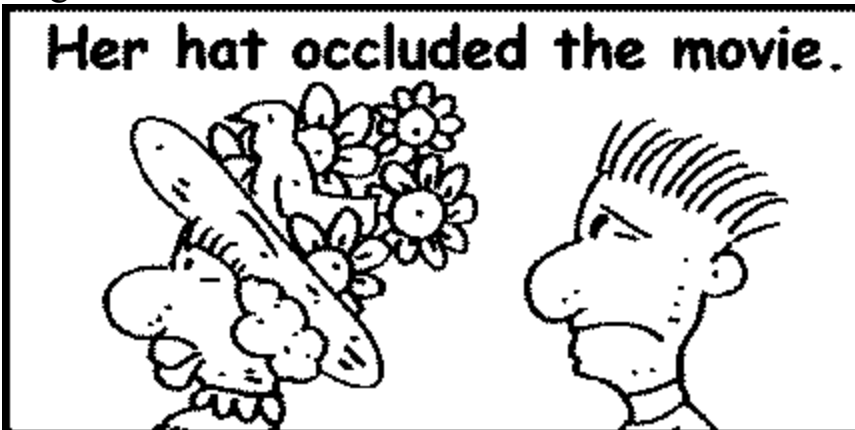


ESPY (es-pee) observe; look; perceive;
seeing from far away.

Remember: I SPY when I look from far away.

Question: Is the word "Enigma", an enigma?

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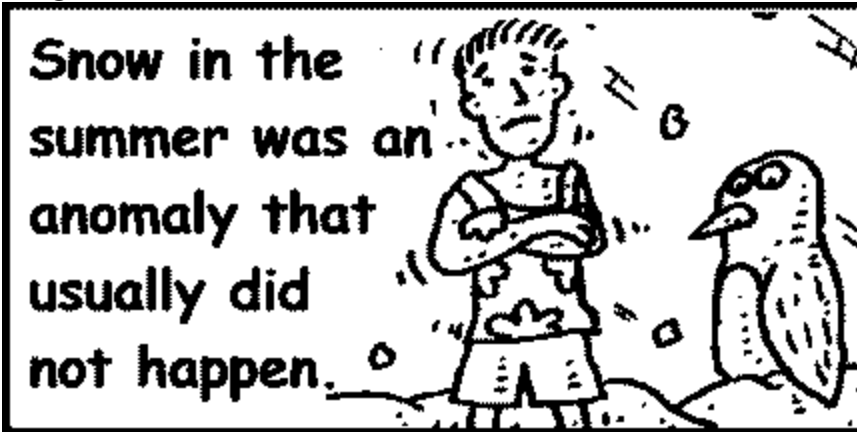


OCCLUDE (oh-clewd) obstruct; conceal; block;
hide from view.

Remember: OCULAR and only get a CLUE.

Answer: It is, if you did not know what Enigma means. An enigma is a riddle.

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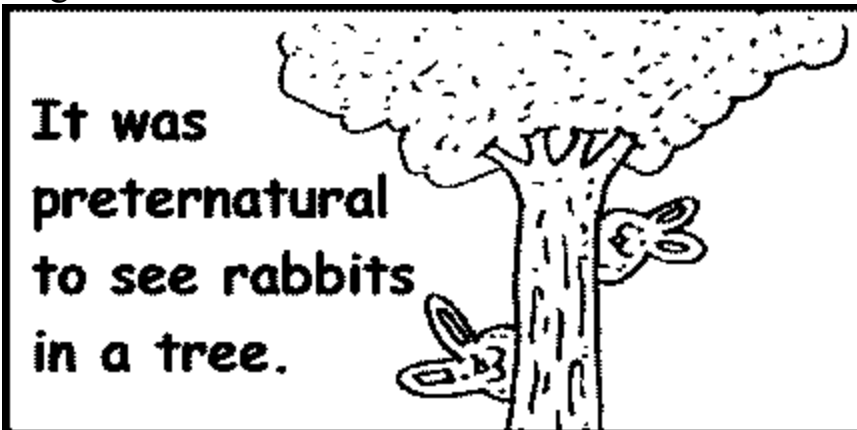


ANOMALY (ah-nom-al-ee) odd; deviation; rarity; out of the ordinary.

Remember: ABNORMAL.

Question: You sing a ditty about a rotund object that taught us about gravity. What are you singing about?

Aug 28



PRETERNATURAL (pre-ter-natch-er-ral) odd; otherworldly and beyond natural.

Remember: Strange when PRE NATURAL.

Answer: An apple. Rotund means round. The story goes: A falling apple gave Newton the idea about gravity.

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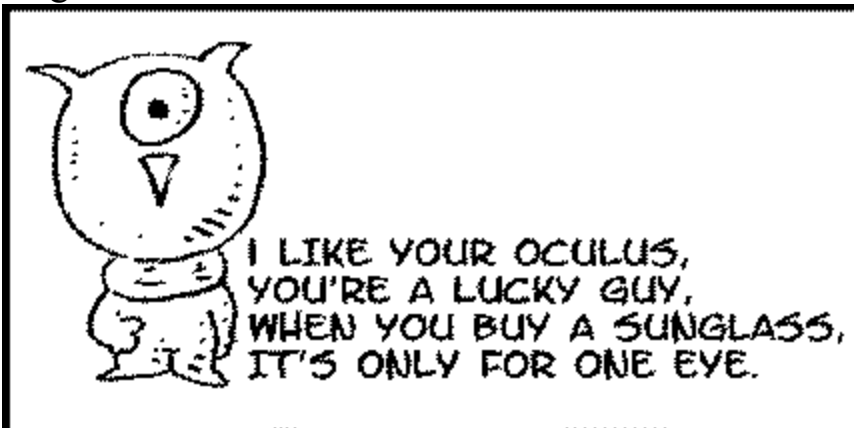


UBIQUITOUS (you-bik-wah-tis) omnipresent; existing everywhere at the same time.

Remember: UBBER and it does not QUIT US.

Question: You descry a book on your bookshelf. Why don't you have any tears?

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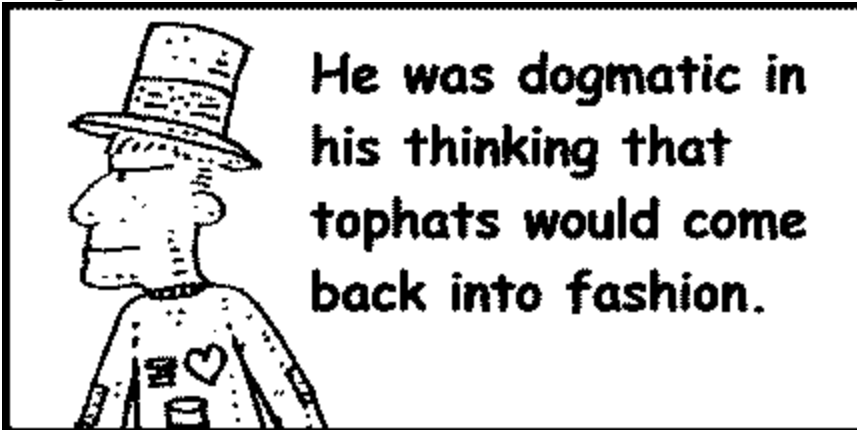


OCULUS (ock-you-lus) opening; headlight; eyeball; an eye.

Remember: BINOCULAR.

Answer: Descry means to see something. You just found a new book.

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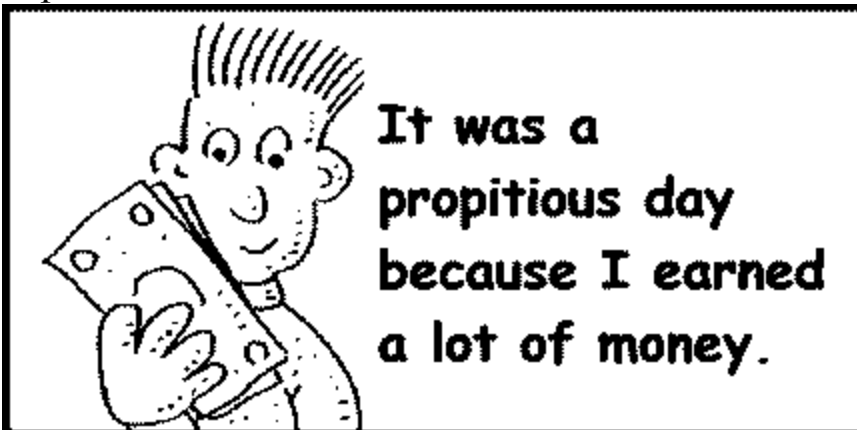


DOGMATIC (dog - mat - tik) opinionated; stubborn; unbendingly believing without proof.

Remember: DOG AUTOMATICALLY grabs on.

Question: You probably use a lexicon every day. What is it?

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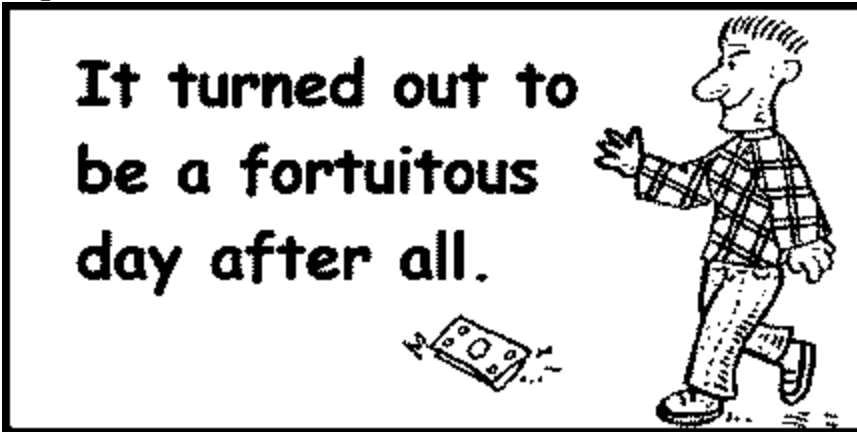


PROFITIOUS (pro-pish-us) opportune; favourable; conveniently advantageous.

Remember: PROFIT when it is an IOU.

Answer: A dictionary. Each time you spell check, you're using a lexicon.

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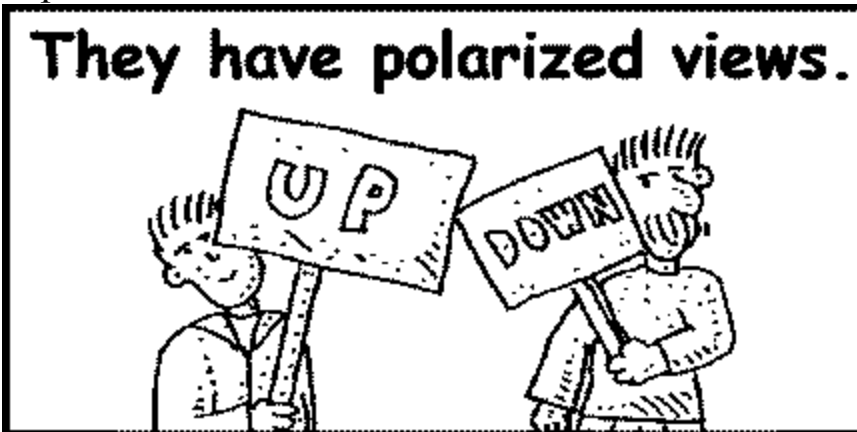


FORTUITOUS (for-to-ah-tis) opportune; fortunate; timely, lucky and unexpected.

Remember: FORTUNATE for US.

Question: You have amazing equanimity. What am I amazed by?

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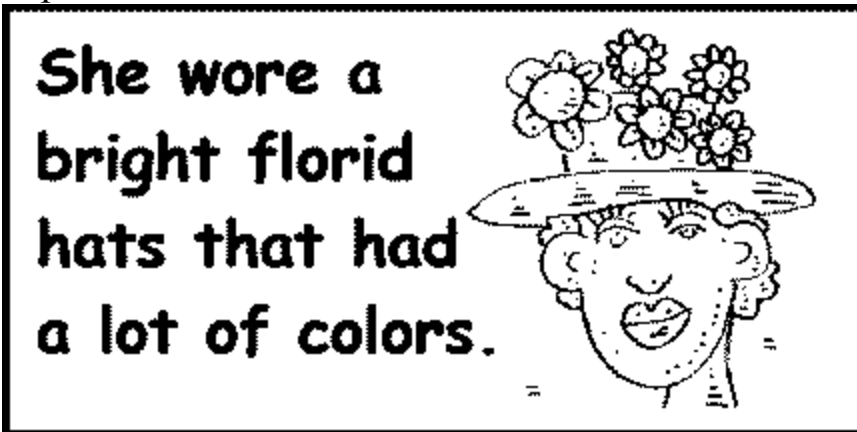


POLARIZED (pole-ar-rised) opposite; inverse; two contrary opposites.

Remember: POLAR is opposite the artic.

Answer: I am amazed by your calm composure. Equanimity means to have patience or composure.

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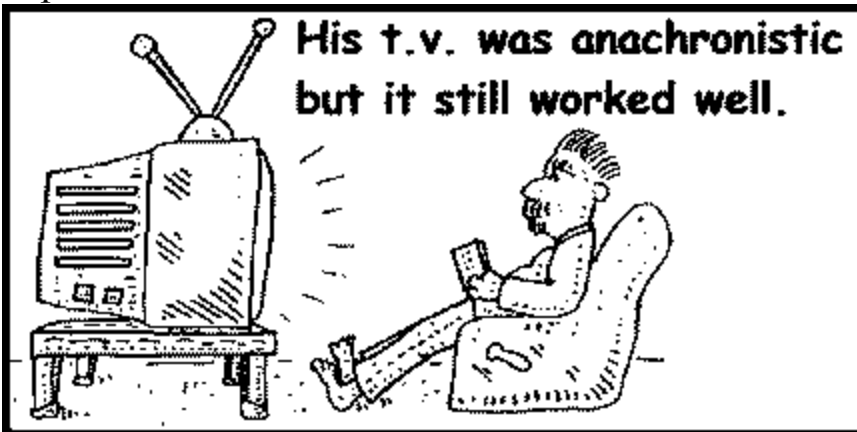


FLORID (flor-id) ornate; blooming; rosy; flowery looking.

Remember: FLOWER ID.

Question: You quaff. I laugh. What was funny?

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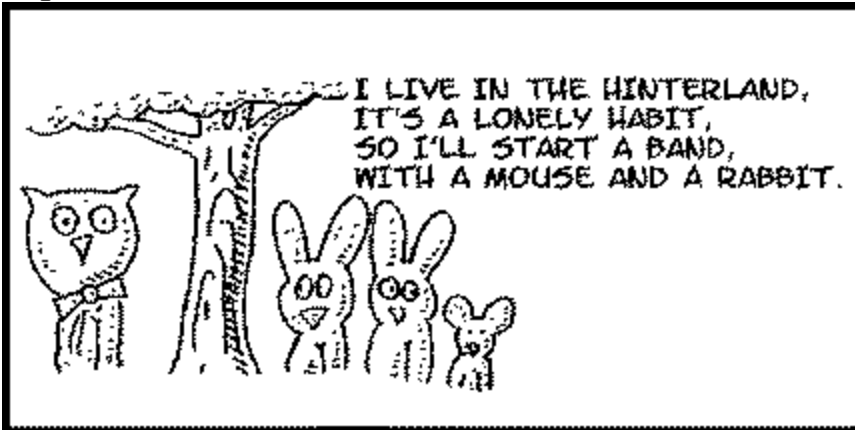


ANACHRONISTIC (anna-cron-nist-tik) dated; archaic and existing out of place.

Remember: ANTI CHRONICLE in a time period.

Answer: You gulped down a drink. Quaff means to drink quickly.

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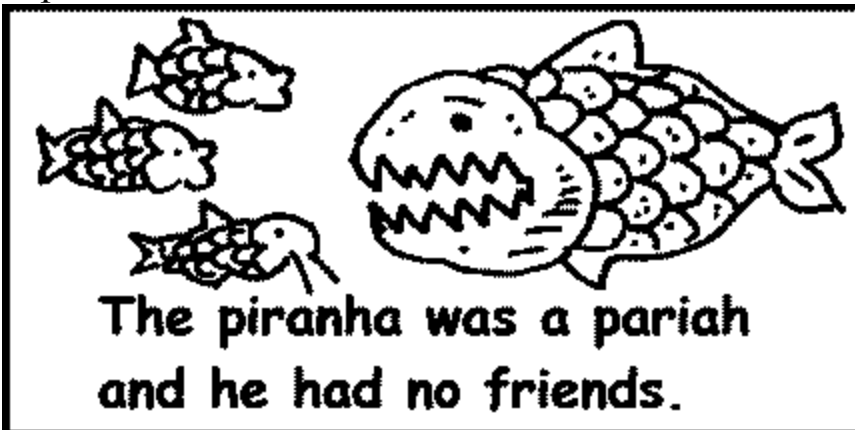


HINTERLAND (hint-ur-land) outback; sticks; bush; country backwoods with no one around.

Remember: A HINT of people lives in this LAND.

Question: What kind of bulge does effulge in a dark room?

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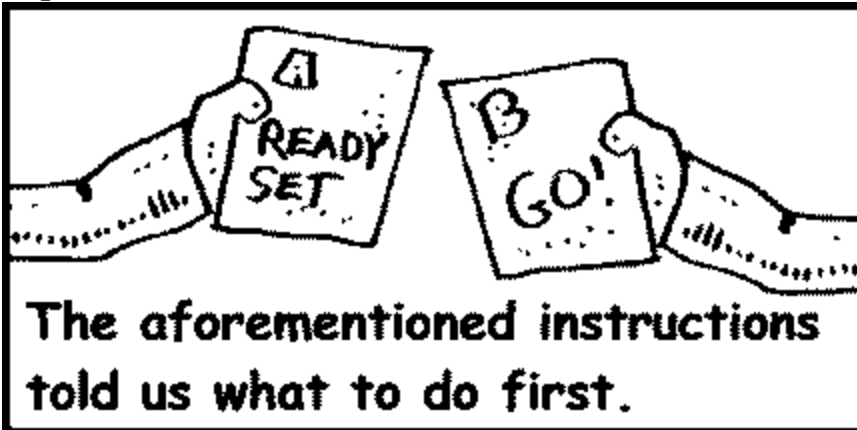


PARIAH (pah-rye-ya) outcast; outsider; exile; unlikable lonely person.

Remember: A PIRANHA has no friends.

Answer: A light bulb does effulge in a dark room. Effulge means to shine with an abundance of light.

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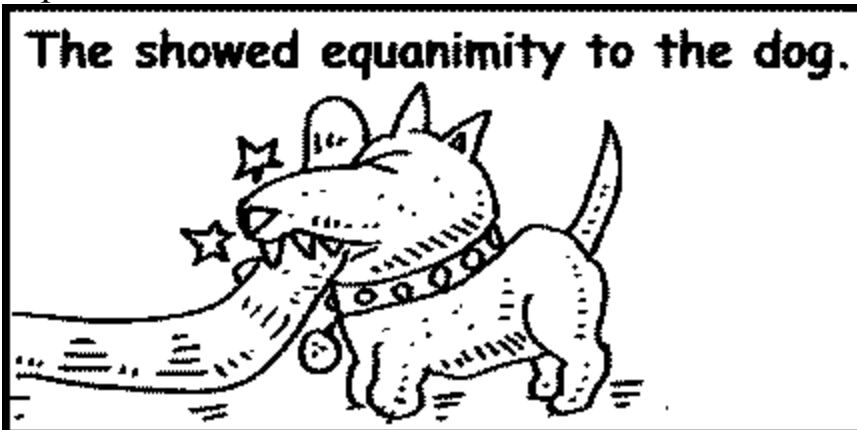


AFOREMENTIONED (ah-for-ment-shuned) past; previously mentioned.

Remember: BEFORE we MENTIONED it.

Question: I perform an ablation on a pile of leaves. What have I done?

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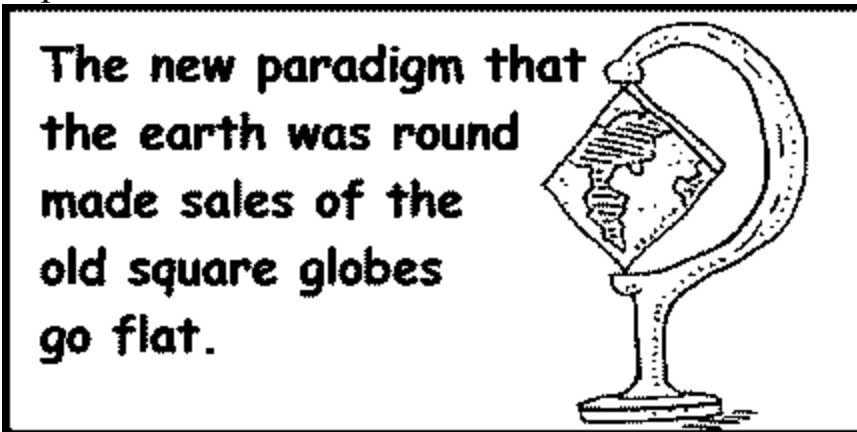


EQUANIMITY (ee-kwa-nim-et-tee) patience; calm; evenness of temperament and composure.

Remember: Kindness EQUALS our ANIMOSITY.

Answer: I removed the pile of leaves. Ablation means to remove or take away.

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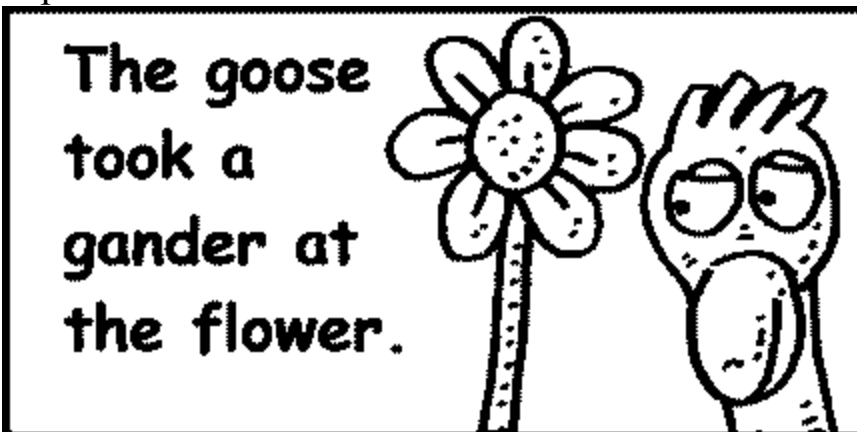


PARADIGM (par-ah-dime) pattern; standard; model; thinking the same common belief.

Remember: PARAPHRASE DIMES are a decade.

Question: You eat cookies made by your friend. You say, "These are emetic!" Why does your friend look at you funny?

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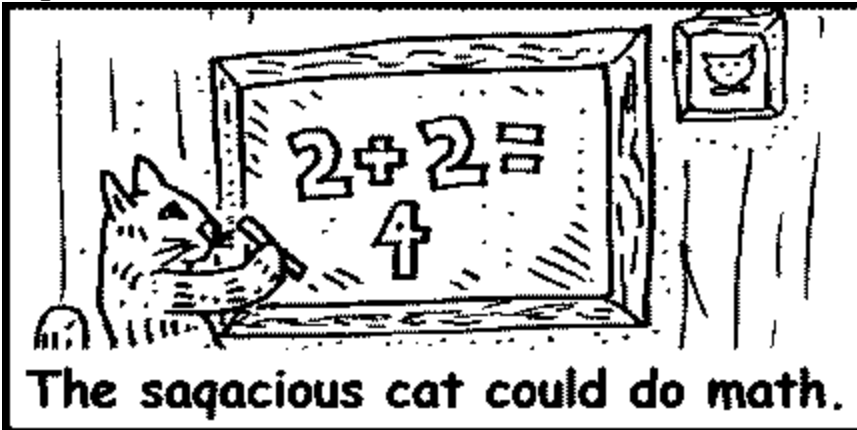


GANDER (gan-der) peek; glance; look; looking around at new things.

Remember: Our eyes MEANDER.

Answer: Emetic means causing vomit.

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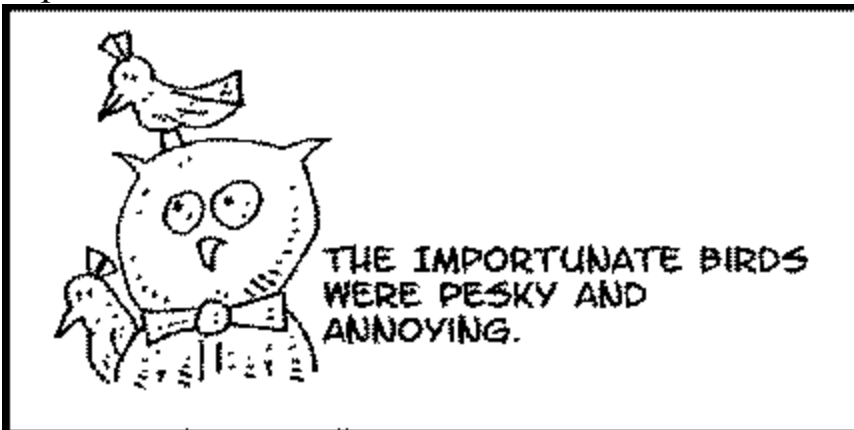


SAGACIOUS (sah-gay-shish) keen; wise; perceiving and understanding quickly.

Remember: SAGA is SPACIOUS and keen.

Question: We are swimming. I say, "Your tact is annoying." What will you probably do next?

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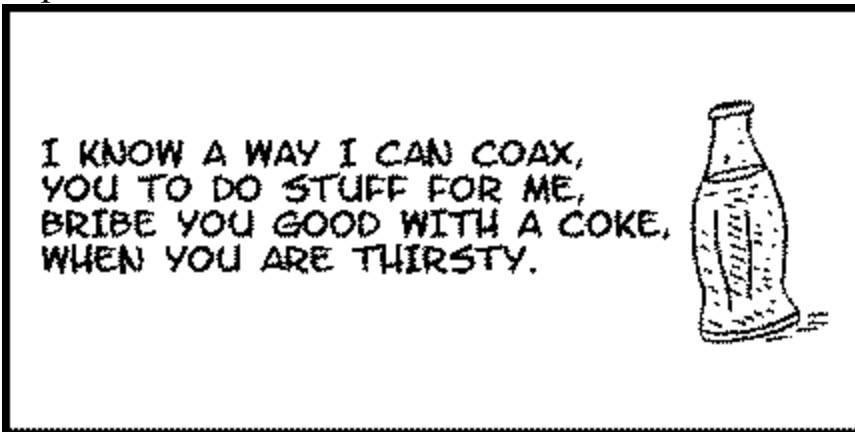


IMPORTUNATE (im-poor-choo-nit) persistent; annoying and bothering pest.

Remember: pressing at an UNFORTUNATE time.

Answer: Stop touching me. Tact means to touch. It also means to handle something with great care and thought.

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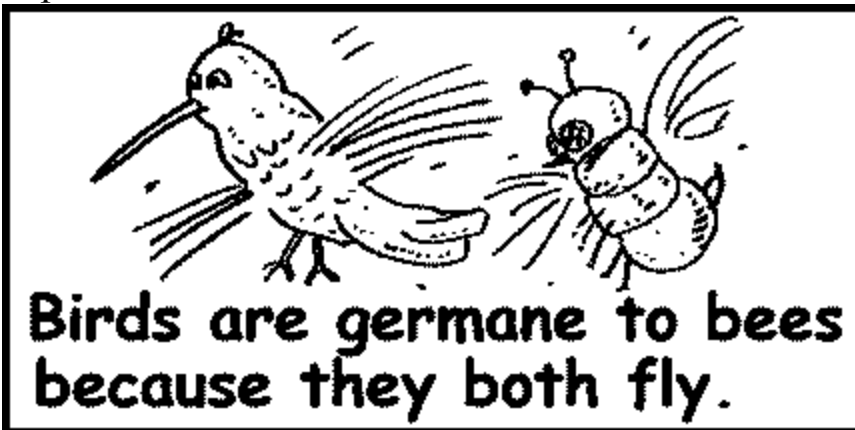


COAX (cokes) persuade; manipulate; tend; convincing someone to act by talking.

Remember: COKES to persuade them.

Question: Do you have trepidation about going out in tepid weather?

Sep 15



GERMANE (germ-main) pertinent; akin; relevant; common bond between two topics.

Remember: GERMS are MAIN related and close.

Answer: No! Tepid means warm. Trepidation means to have fear.

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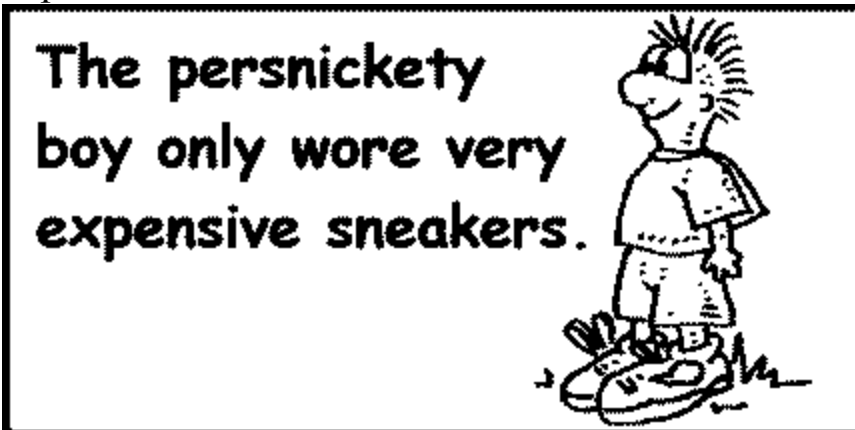


IRKSOME (erk-sum) pesky; tedious; bothersome; incessantly frustrating.

Remember: JERK is SOME annoyance.

Question: You see a man standing on a dado. He ignores you. Why does he not talk to you?

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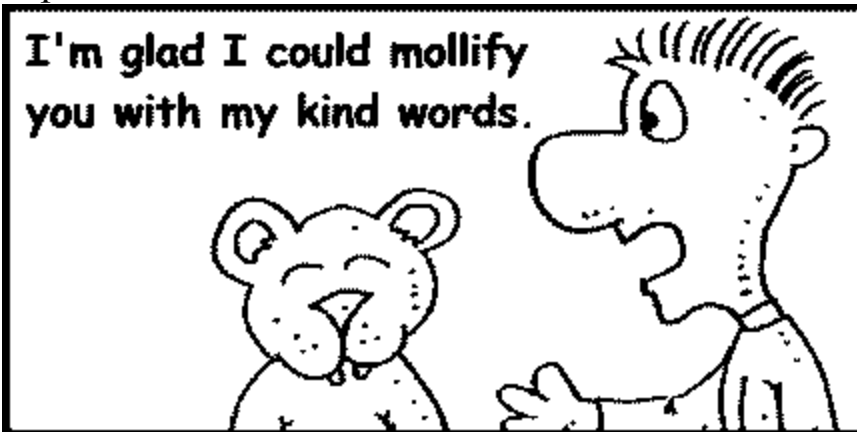


PERSNICKETY (per-snik-et-tee) picky; fussy; finicky minded and hard to please.

Remember: PURSE our lips when we are PICKY.

Answer: He is a statue. A dado is the pedestal that a statue stands on.

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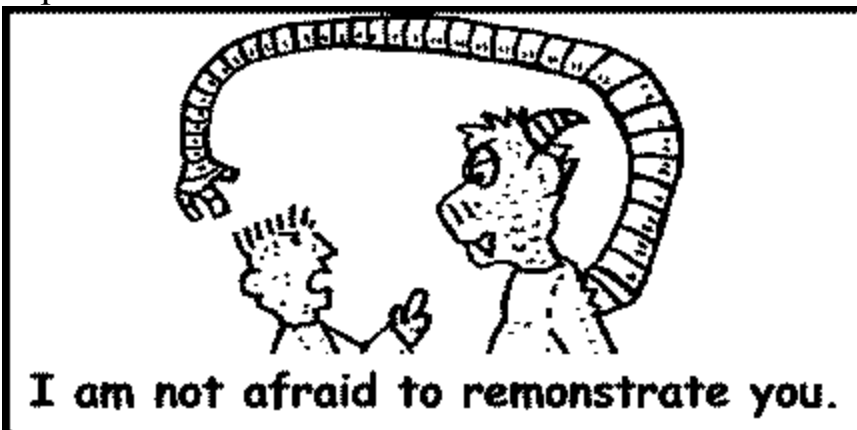


MOLLIFY (mol-lee-fye) placate; pacify; appease; making someone happy by saying kind things.

Remember: MOLE uses LIFTY happy words.

Question: We will dine wherever your caprice takes us. You don't own a car. Where do we go?

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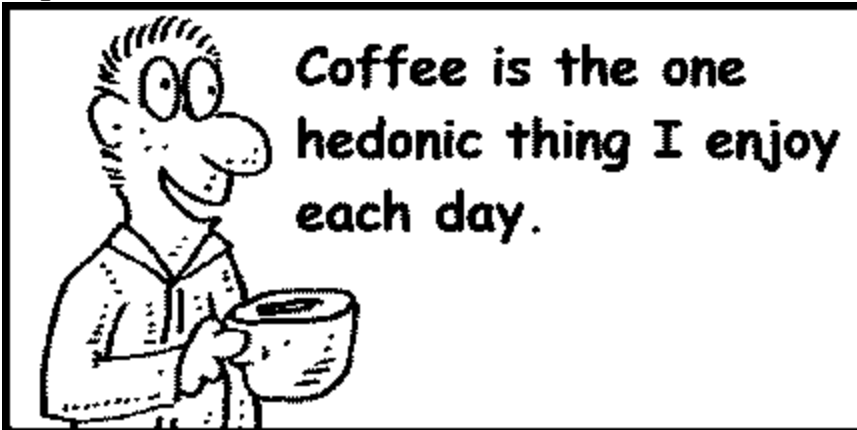


REMONSTRATE (re-mon-strayt) plead; fight; disputing an opposing argument.

Remember: DEMONSTRATE against an argument.

Answer: I don't know. Caprice means to change your mind on a whim. We will go where you want to go.

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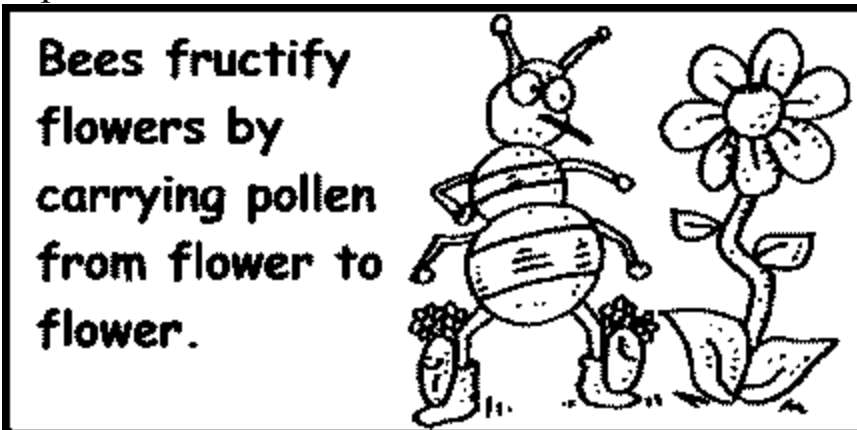


HEDONIC (he-don-nik) pleasurable; decadent; wanton and full of pleasure.

Remember: HEADY TONIC is fun.

Question: I tell you, "I love your dowdy hat!" Why don't you thank me?

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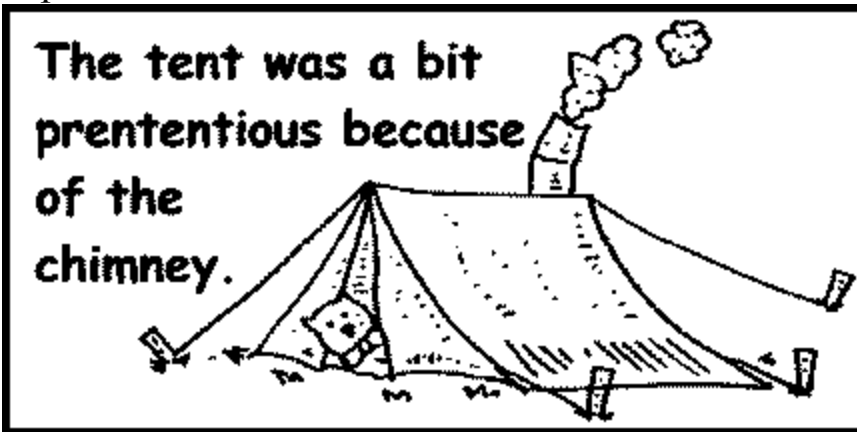


FRUCTIFY (frook-tee-feye) pollinate; fertilize; impregnate to bear fruit by pollination.

Remember: FRUIT MULTIPLIES.

Answer: Dowdy means to be vulgar looking or to be in bad taste. I said, "I love your ugly hat."

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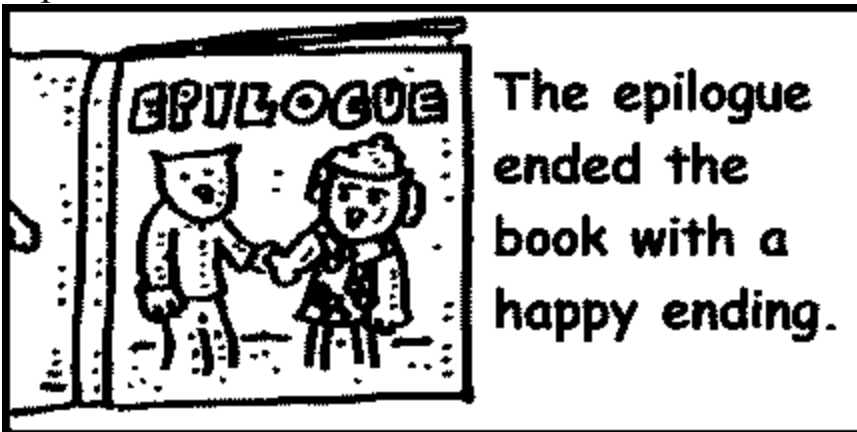


PRETENTIOUS (pre-ten-shush) pompous; showy; making it grander to impress people.

Remember: PRETEND TO US.

Question: A bee does not have hoofs. How does a bee, behoove you?

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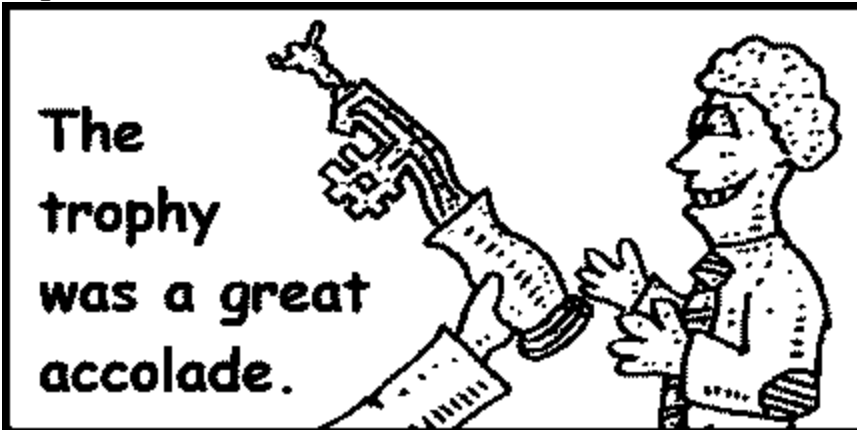


EPILOGUE (ep-pee-log) follow-up; postscript; summarizing a book with a conclusion.

Remember: EPIC LOG tells how it ended.

Answer: It makes honey. Behoove means to use or profit from. You benefit when you eat the honey.

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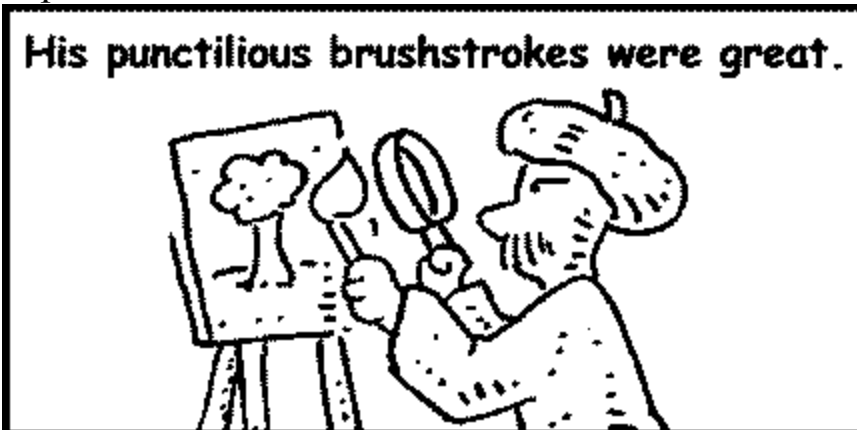


ACCOLADE (ak-co-laid) praise; applaud; salute; showing appreciation with an award.

Remember: ACCEPT AID as an award.

Question: You show up on an antedate for a date. How was your date?

Sep 25



PUNCTILIOUS (punk-til-lee-us) precise; correct; strictly doing with care and attention to detail.

Remember: PUNCTUAL for US.

Answer: Not good. Antedate is a date earlier than a given date. You showed up early and your date was not there.

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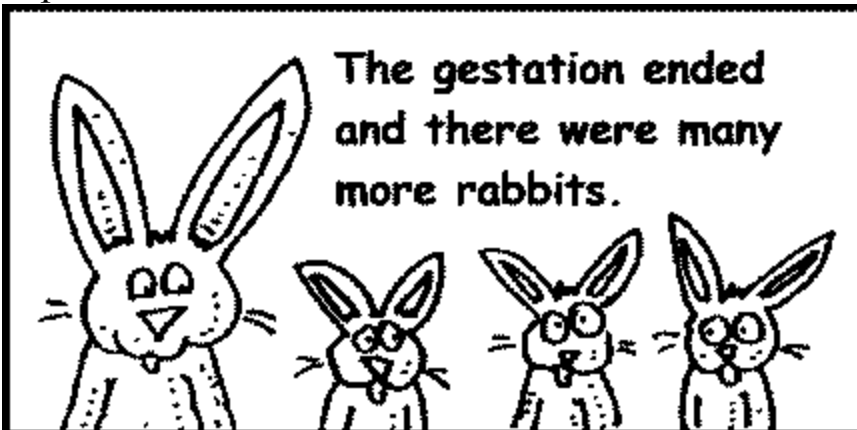


PRESCIENT (pres-shent) predict; visionary; insight; foreseeing events in the future.

Remember: PREDICT and have a SENSE.

Question: You are a veracious and ravenous. You say, "You did not eat the pie." I believe you. Why?

Sep 27



GESTATION (jes-tay-shun) pregnancy; incubation; carrying a baby inside a womb from conception.

Remember: GUEST in the STATION.

Answer: A veracious person tells the truth. Veracious means having the habit of being honest.

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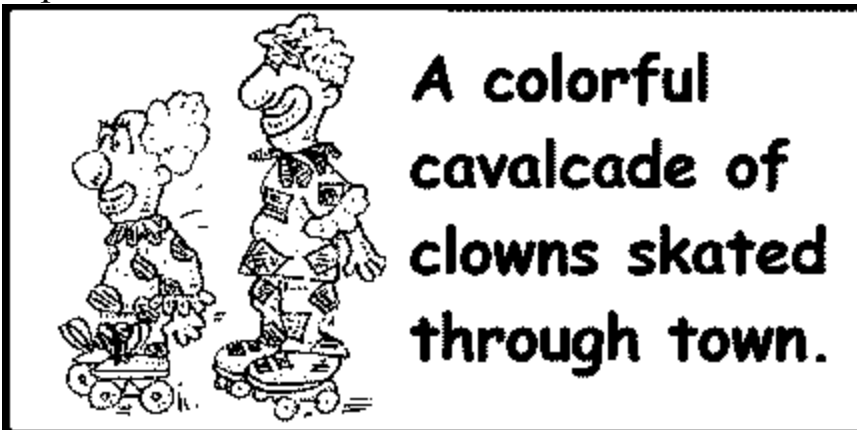


ESOTERIC (es-o-ter-ik) private; exclusive; cryptic; secret only understood with confidential knowledge.

Remember: It IS a SECRET.

Question: You go trundling. What do you do with your balls?

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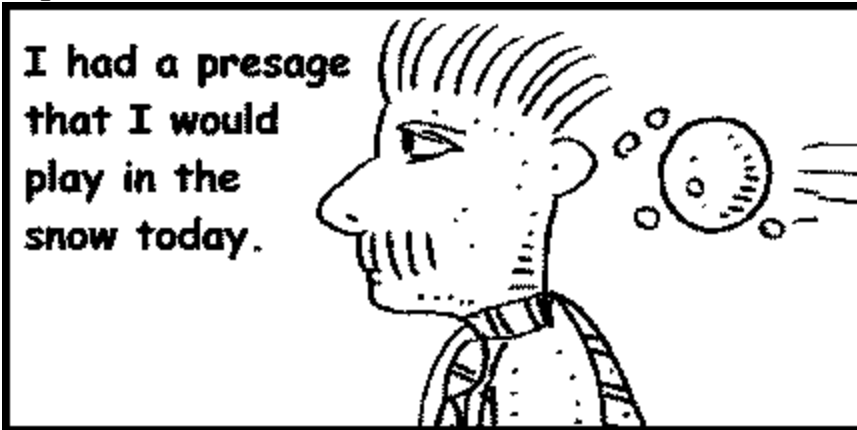


CAVALCADE (kav-al-kayd) procession; caravan; parade on horseback or in cars.

Remember: CAVALRY parade goes by.

Answer: You throw them down the lane. Trundling means to bowl.

Sep 30



PRESAGE (pres-sadge) prophecy; forewarning; boding intuition or foresight.

Remember: PREDICT as a SAGE.

Question: Is your commorancy common or is it fancy?

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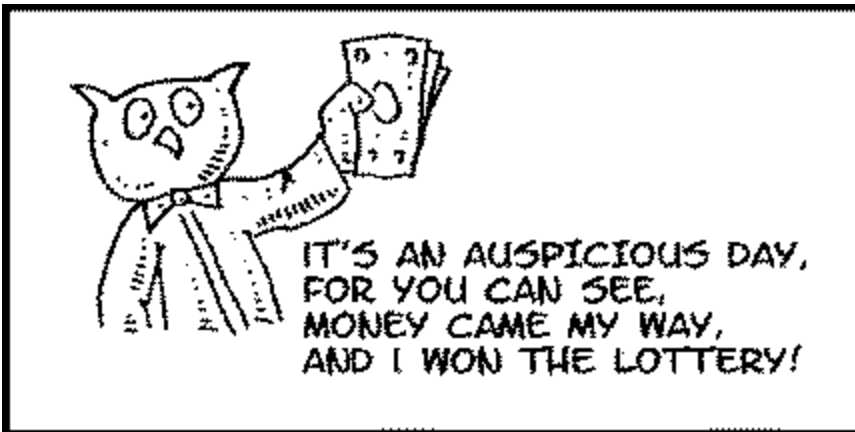


BURGEON (bur-gin) prosper; blossom; flourish; blooming at a great rate and growing fast.

Remember: BURSTS for an EON.

Answer: It depends. A commorancy is the place where you live or sleep.

Oct 2



AUSPICIOUS (or-spish-shus) prosperous;
lucky and favoured by fortune or a new beginning.

Remember: AWED fortune is DELICIOUS.

Question: You come home and realize your brazier is hot. Why are you happy about it?

Oct 3



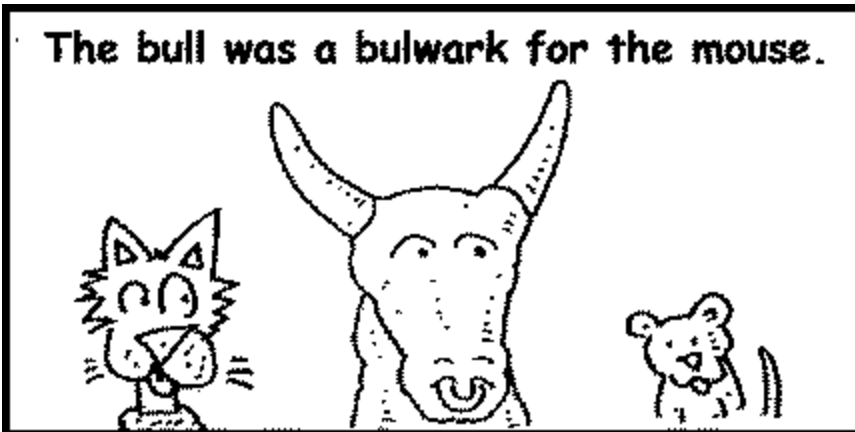
FELICITOUS (fel-lis-set-tus) prosperous; jolly;
joyous and pleasant situation.

Remember: DELICIOUS when we are happy.

Answer: A brazier holds hot coal. Your house is nice and warm.

Pronounced: Bray-zure

Oct 4



BULWARK (bull-wark) protect; guard; fort; fortifying and safeguarding.

Remember: BULL WORKS to protect us.

Question: Your eyes belie where your ball lies. Do I know where your ball is?

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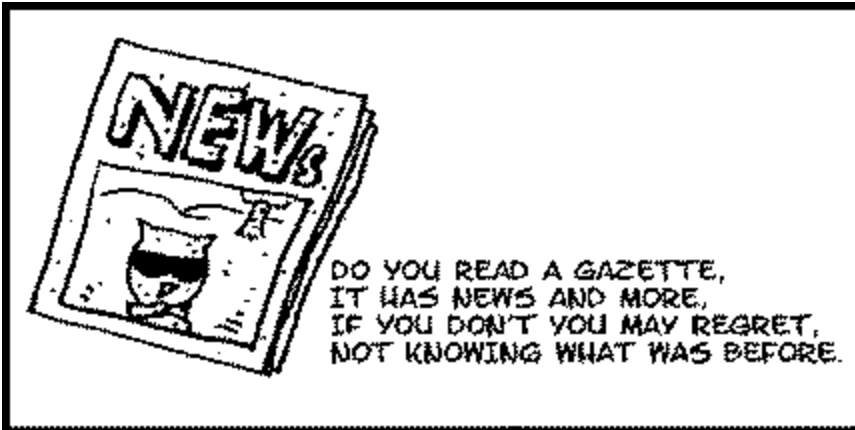


QUIBBLE (kwib-bul) protest; bicker; disagree; verbally fighting about unimportant things.

Remember: QUIZ like a BULL.

Answer: Yes. Your eyes give away where your ball is. Belie means to reveal a secret.

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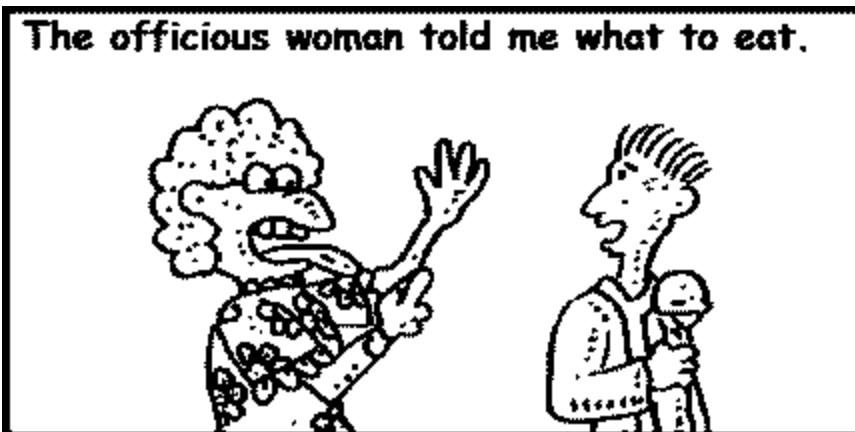


GAZETTE (ga-zet) magazine; newspaper;
publication providing news or a daily paper.

Remember: GAZE at IT.

Question: You don't like germane things. Why don't you respond when someone greets you?

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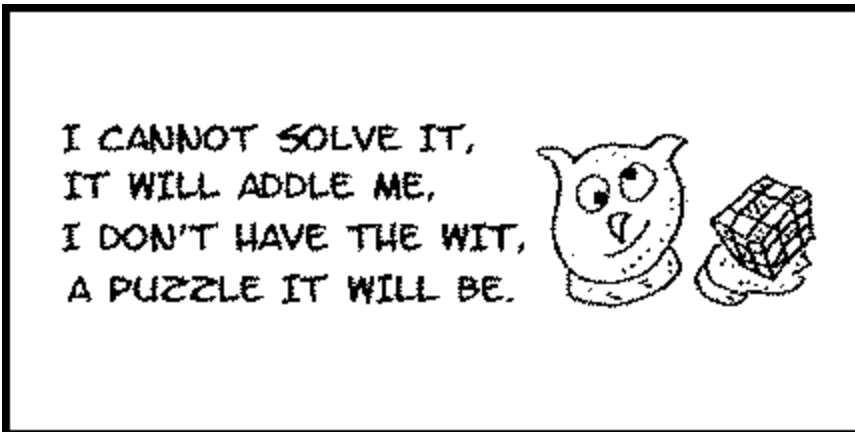


OFFICIOUS (oh-fish-ish) pushy; intrusive;
meddling and giving unwanted advice.

Remember: OFFICIAL and VICIOUS.

Answer: Germane means appropriate. You don't like appropriate things like greeting people.

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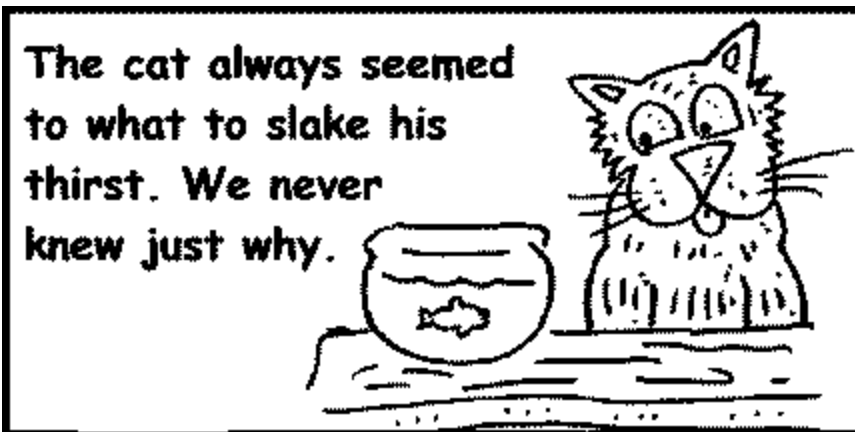


ADDLE (ah-del) puzzle; baffle; muddle; confused about an unsolvable problem.

Remember: ADDS up LESS.

Question: Your car has a stalwart engine. Can you drive it or does it stall?

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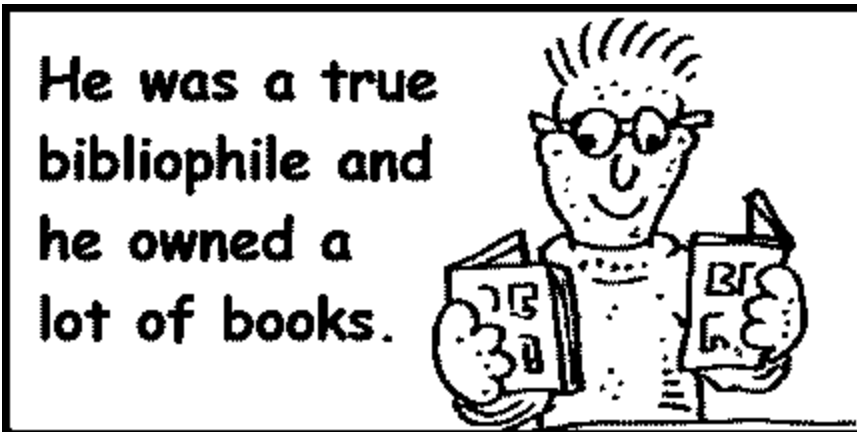


SLAKE (slayke) quench; refresh; satisfy; quenching thirst with a drink.

Remember: LAKE will stop thirst.

Answer: You can drive it. Stalwart means being strong. Your car has a strong engine.

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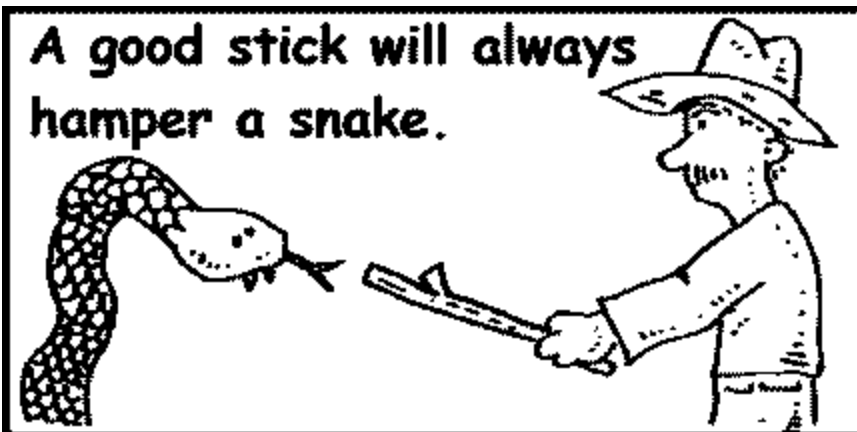


BIBLIOPHILE (bib-lee-oh-file) reader; scholar; intellectual who loves books.

Remember: BIBLE LOVER.

Question: Tonight, I will lock my doors and lucubrate for hours. What am I doing?

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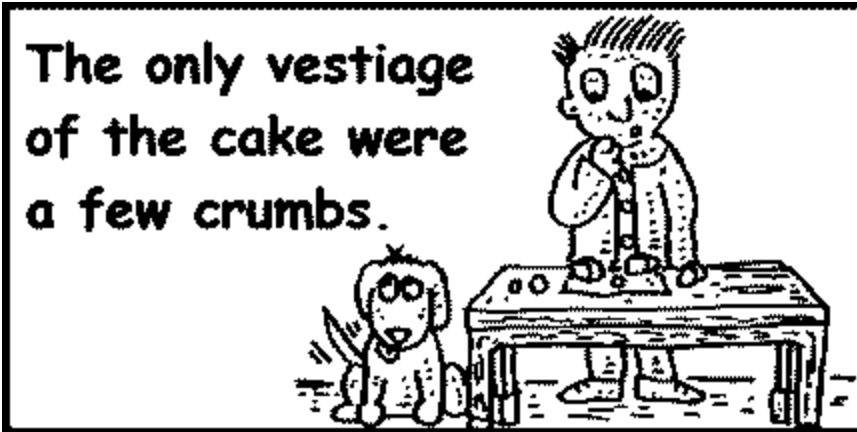


HAMPER (ham-per) refrain; obstruct; curb; hinder by blocking.

Remember: In a HAMPER and blocked.

Answer: Studying. Lucubrate means to work or study at night.

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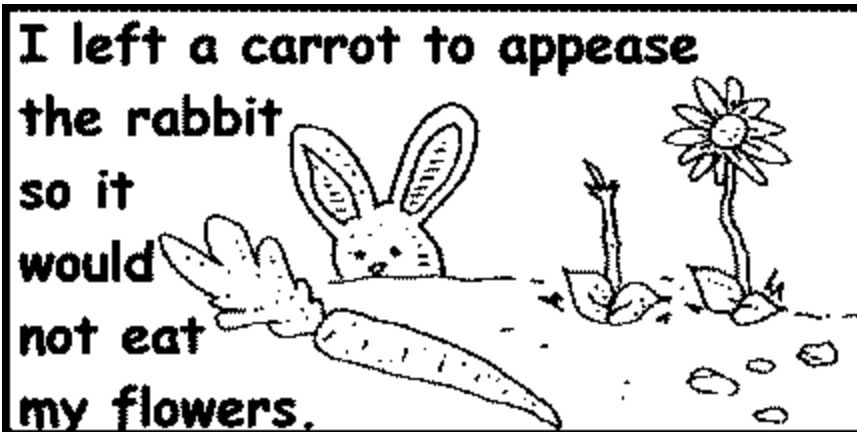


VESTIGE (ves-tidge) relic; remnant; remains; existing only in pieces of evidence.

Remember: INVESTIGATE the evidence.

Question: A cetacean swims by our boat. Why are we not afraid?

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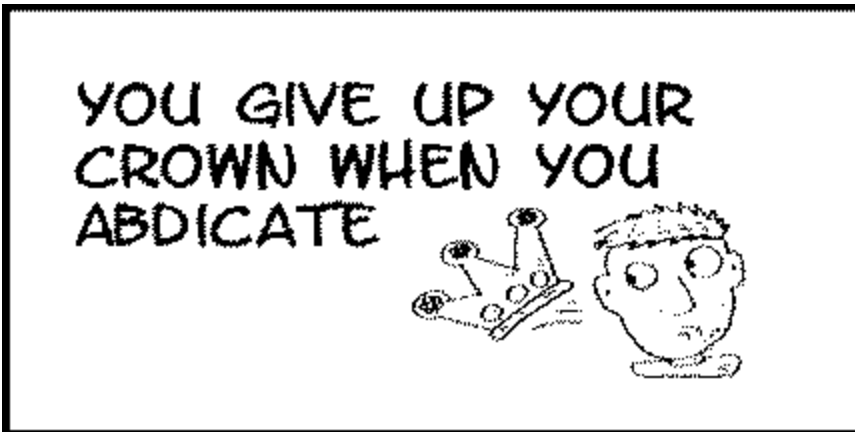


APPEASE (ah-pees) relieve; placate; soothe; creating a feeling of peace and calm.

Remember: APPLAUD when it is EASED.

Answer: A cetacean is a dolphin or a whale. Cetacean means an aquatic mammal having a blowhole.

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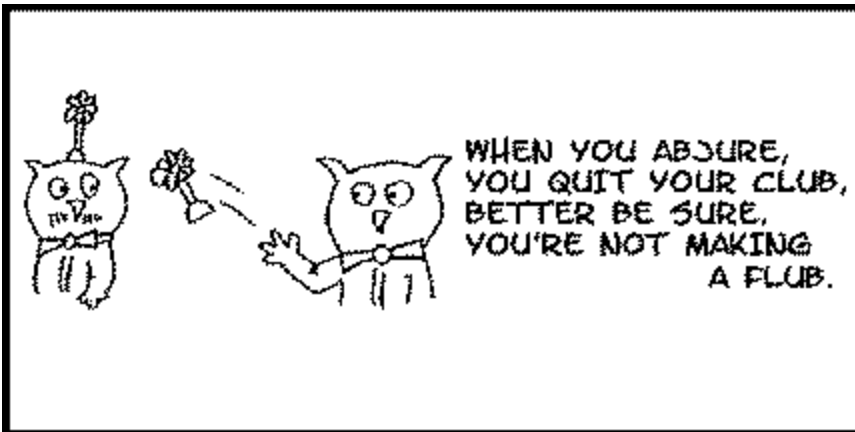


ABDICATE (ab-dee-kayt) relinquish; step down; resign from a position or job.

Remember: ABANDON being a DICTATOR.

Question: You cogitate loafs of bread. What will you probably do next?

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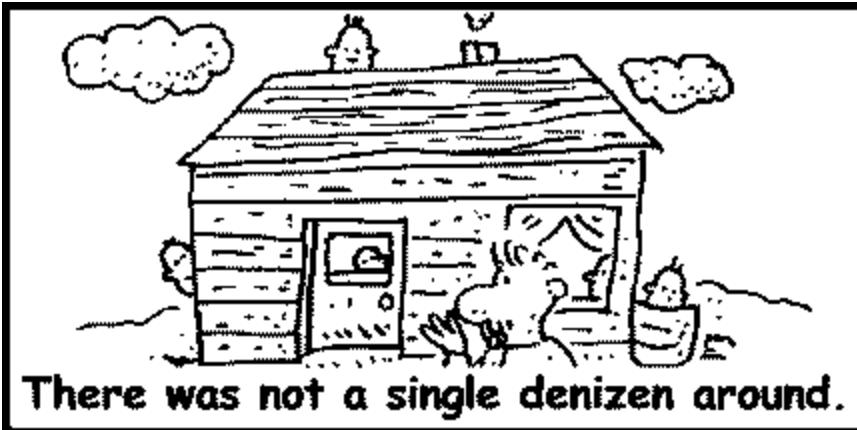


ABJURE (ab-jur) repudiate; reject; disavow; abandoning an oath and giving up an allegiance.

Remember: ABDICATE and JERK away.

Answer: Think about something more interesting. Cogitate means to think deeply. Thinking about bread is boring.

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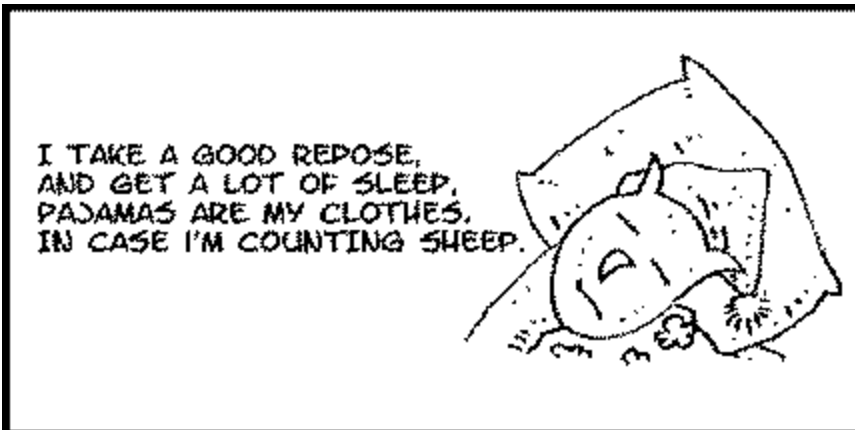


DENIZEN (den-ne-zen) resident; citizen; occupant; living as a dweller in a habitat.

Remember: CITIZEN dwells in a room.

Question: California is not caliginous. How can that be?

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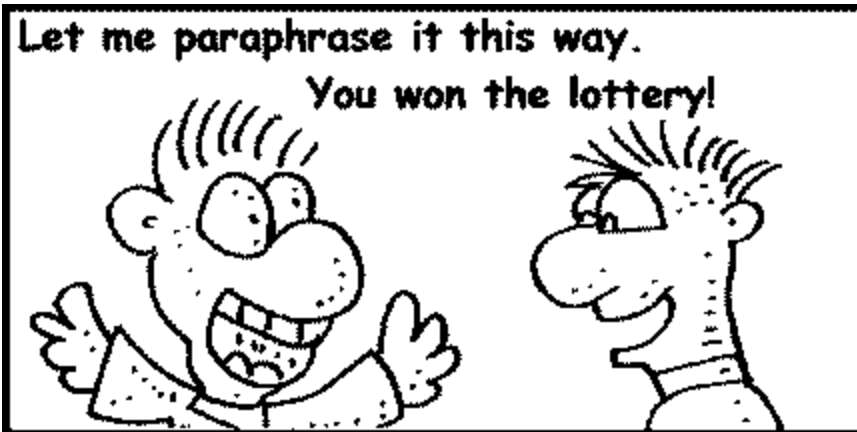


REPOSE (re-poze) rest; slumber; rest; resting in a peaceful position.

Remember: RETURN to a POSE.

Answer: California is bright and sunny. Caliginous means being dark and gloomy.

Oct 18



PARAPHRASE (pa-ra-fraze) restate; recap; reword; rewording to clarify and explain better.

Remember: PARABLE as a new PHRASE.

Question: We play scrabble. You want to quit. I say quitting is an obliquity thing to do. Why do you sit back down and play?

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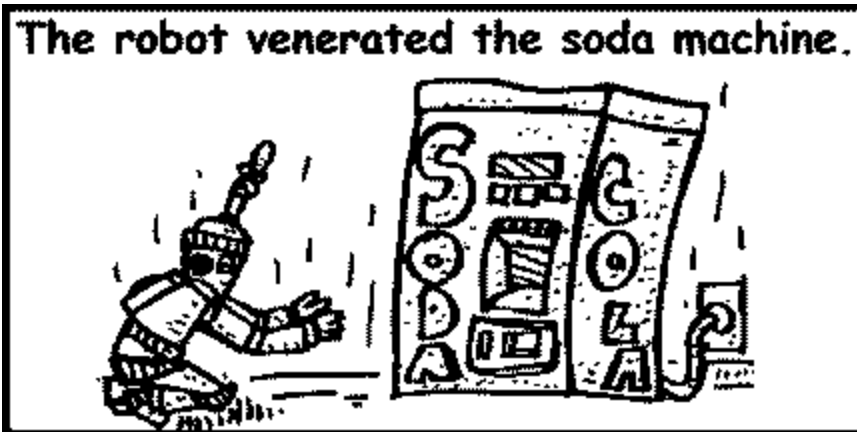


AFFLATUS (ah-flat-tus) revelation; vision; insight; creative impulse.

Remember: INFLATE US with inspiration.

Answer: Obliquity means dishonest or underhanded.

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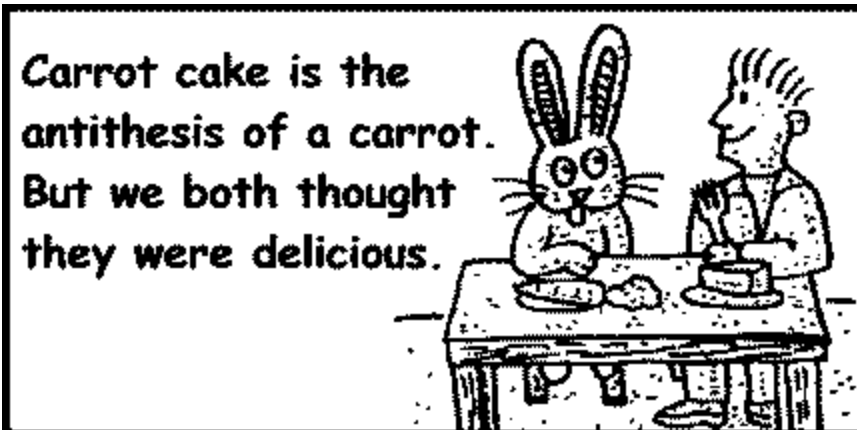


VENERATE (ven-ah-rayte) reverence; cherish; admiring or holding in the highest regard.

Remember: VENT a good RATE for you.

Question: You get in your car and forgo a road trip. How was your trip?

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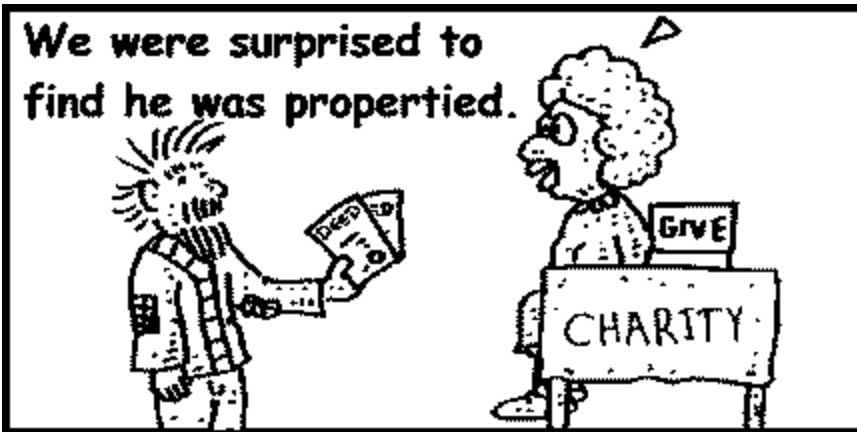


ANTITHESIS (ant-tith-ee-sis) reverse; counter; contrasting against the exact opposite.

Remember: ANTI THESIS is the opposite.

Answer: You never took it. Forgo means to give up or to not do.

Oct 22



PROPERTIED (prop-per-teed) rich; wealthy; prosperously owning land and a lot of money.

Remember: Owns PROPERTY.

Question: You abrade the hair on a tiger. What should you do next?

Oct 23



APROPOS (ap-pro-po) right; good; suitable; good timing and appropriate actions.

Remember: APPROPRIATE and POSITIVE.

Answer: Run! Abrade means to scrape off or wear down by rubbing.

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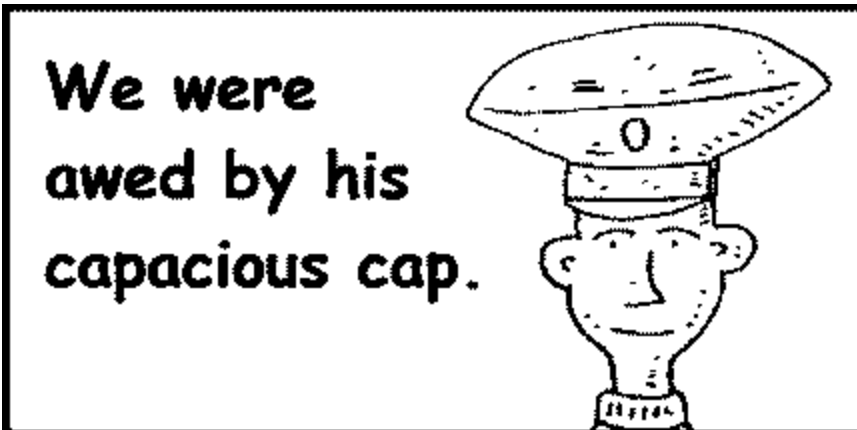


COMMODIOUS (kom-mowd-dee-us) Roomy; big; grand spacious place.

Remember: COMMON space for US.

Question: You are a sailboat captain. You yell, "Put up the sails and scuttle ahead!" How fast do you go?

Oct 25



CAPACIOUS (ca-pay-she-us) roomy; large; ample; spaciouly big and ample.

Remember: Where we lay our CAP is SPACIOUS.

Answer: You don't. You sink your boat. Scuttle means to sink a ship on purpose.

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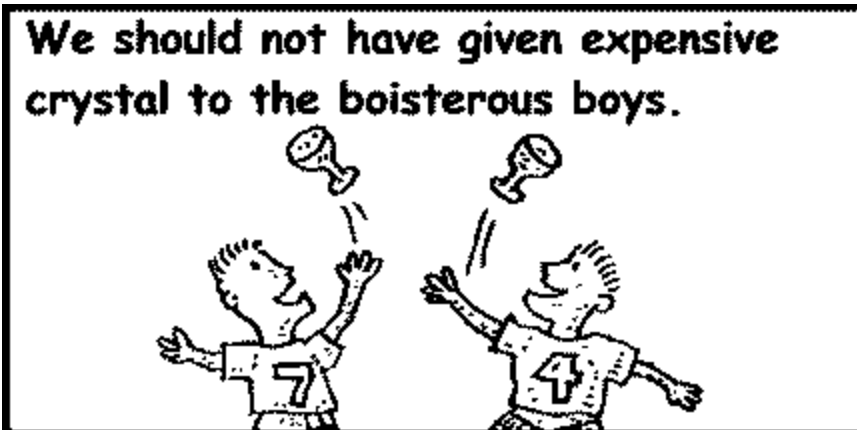


SKIFF (skif) rowboat; sailboat; dinghy; small tiny boat.

Remember: A small boat **SKIPS** across the water.

Question: I drink lemonade, but I never drink promenade. Why?

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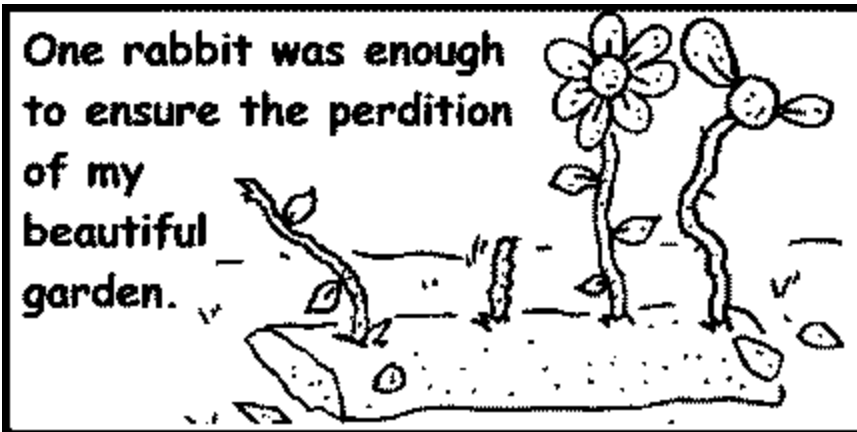


BOISTEROUS (boy-stur-rouse) rowdy; riotous; wildly loud and noisy.

Remember: **BOYS STIR** and **ROUST**.

Answer: A promenade is a walkway or a street. It also means a dance or a party.

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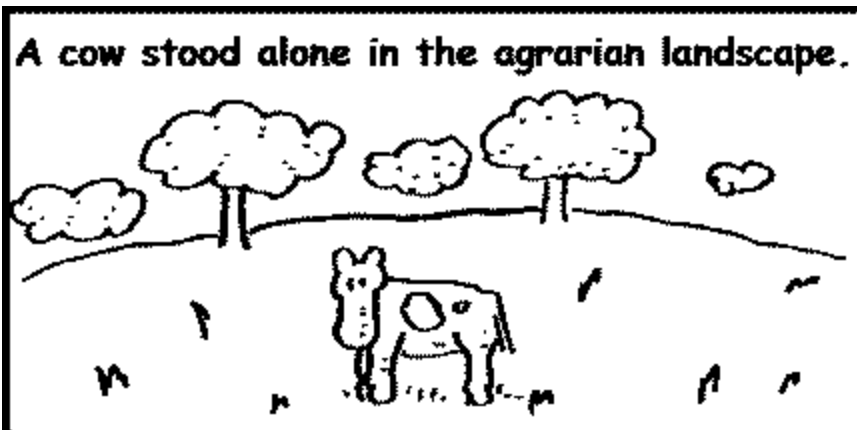


PERDITION (per-dish-shun) ruin; loss; punishment; complete destruction and ruin.

Remember: PERILOUS CONDITION.

Question: You write: "I am a mimick and I will write about spelling." I write back: "You're not good." Why am I right?

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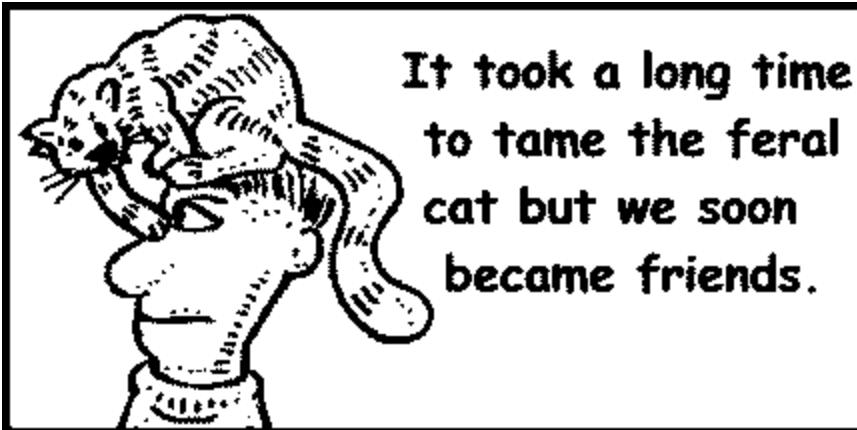


AGRARIAN (ah-grair-re-an) rural; peasant; farming; field or large piece of green land.

Remember: GRASS GRAIN covers the countryside.

Answer: Mimick is spelled as mimic.

Oct 30



FERAL (fer-ral) savage; untamed; undomesticated; wild, untamed and timid animal.

Remember: FUR ALL scared.

Question: You read a book each day. Why is it a quotidian habit?

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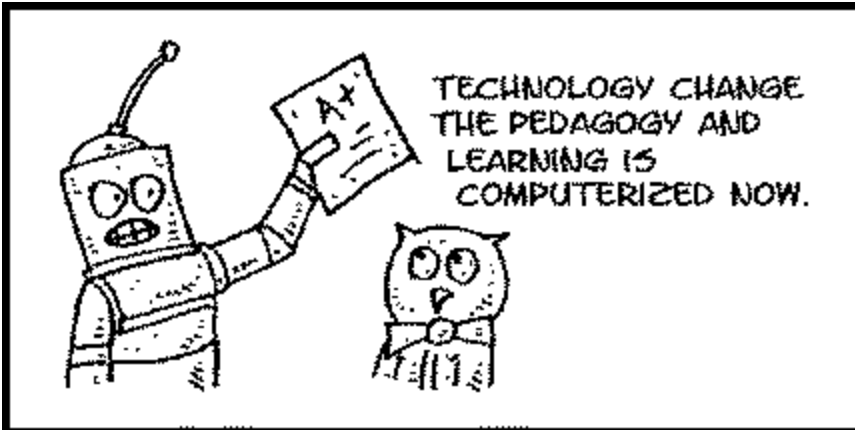


ERUDITION (ee-ru-dish-shun) scholarship; learning cultured and refined education.

Remember: EDUCATION we learned.

Answer: Quotidian means to do the same thing everyday.

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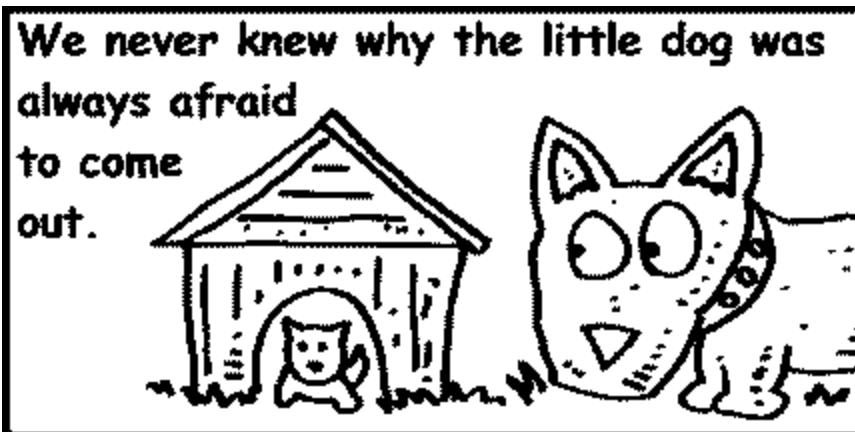


PEDAGOGY (ped-ah-go-gee) schooling; learning; the science or art of teaching.

Remember: Learn from a PEDIA and we are AGOG.

Question: You let out a whelp! We both go running down the street. Why?

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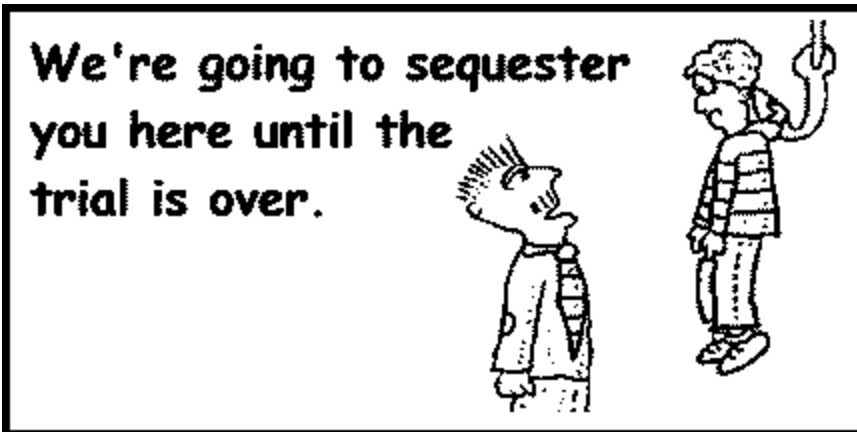


HERMETIC (her-met-tik) sealed; tight; shut; isolating from all outside influences.

Remember: HERMIT TIC when hidden.

Answer: A whelp is a puppy. We have to get it.

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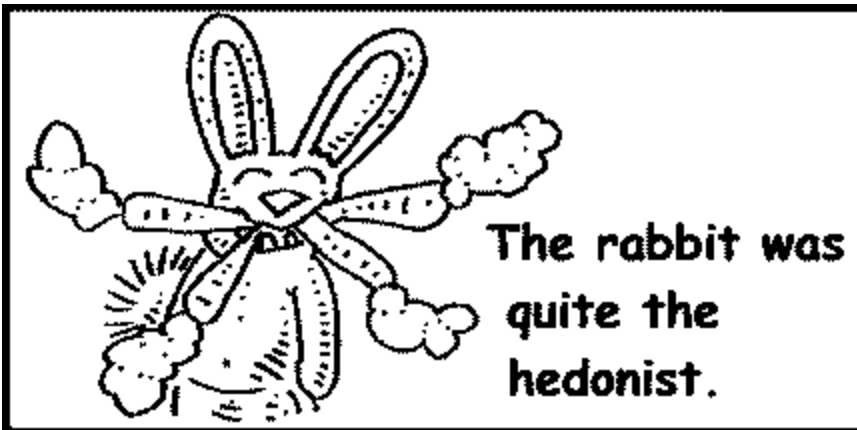


SEQUESTER (see-kwes-ter) seclude; separate; isolated and hidden from other people.

Remember: SET on a QUEST and stay away.

Question: Is a confabulation always fabulous?

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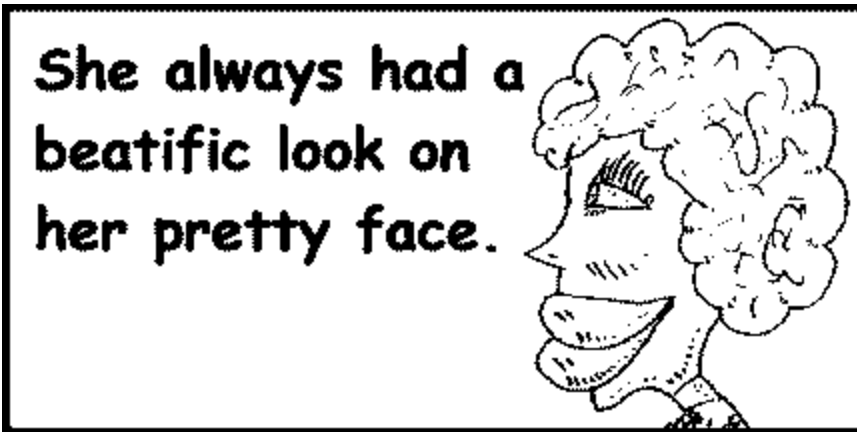


HEDONIST (heed-don-ist) self-indulgent; glutton; wantonly wanting only pleasure.

Remember: HEADY when an ADONIS.

Answer: It depends on the speakers. A confabulation is a conversation or a speech.

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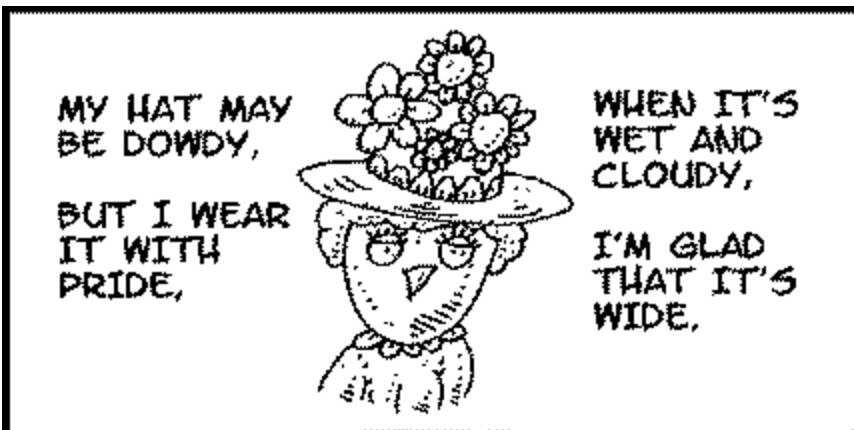


BEATIFIC (be-ah-tif-ick) serene; radiant; blissful; showing great joy.

Remember: BEAUTIFUL and TERRIFIC.

Question: You go fishing. You put a metacarpus on the shoulder of your friend. Why doesn't he mind?

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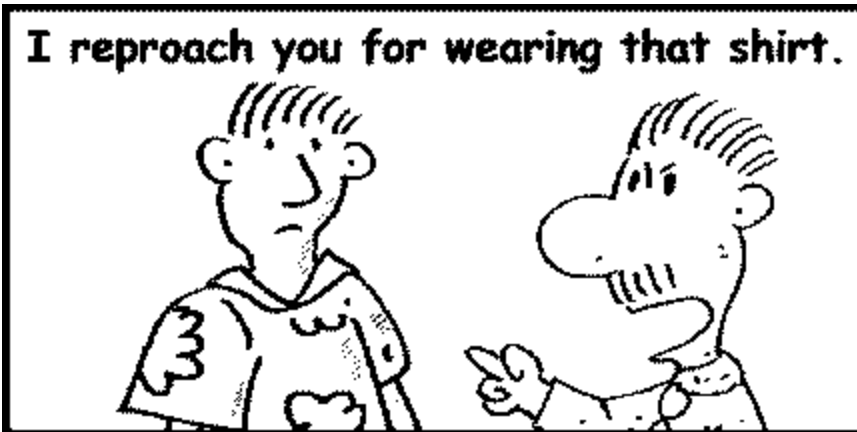


DOWDY (dow-dee) shabby; frumpy; drab; lacking style or elegance.

Remember: Say "OW" when it hurts to look at.

Answer: A metacarpus is a hand.

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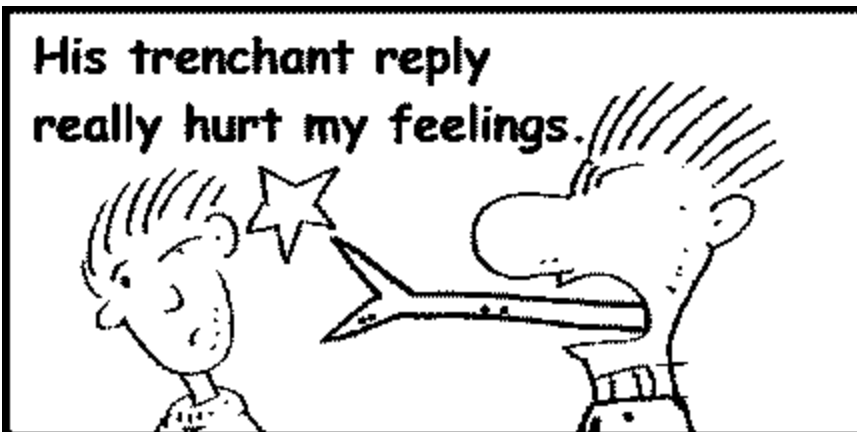


REPROACH (re-proach) shame; discredit; disgrace; finding blame or fault.

Remember: REPEAT our APPROACH.

Question: You ruminate on things while you ruminate a lettuce sandwich. What are you doing?

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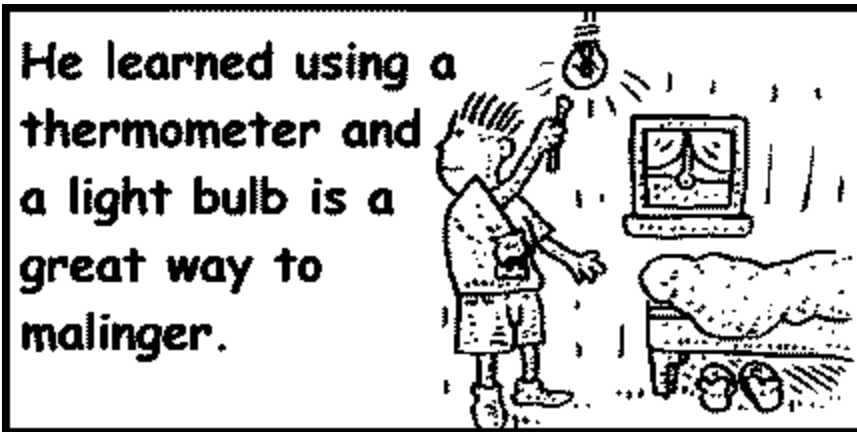


TRENCHANT (trench-chant) sharp; keen; biting; severely replying in a forceful way.

Remember: ENTRENCH an ANT and it will bite.

Answer: You are thinking while chewing a lettuce sandwich. Ruminate means to think but ruminate also means to chew.

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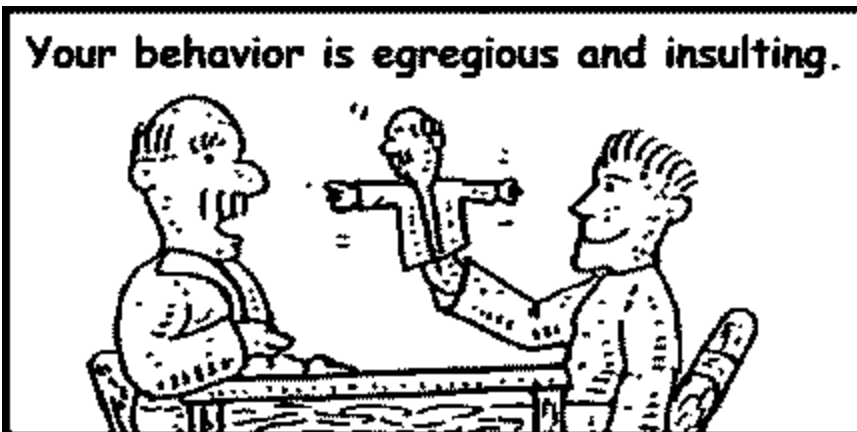


MALINGER (ma-leen-ger) shirk; loaf; dodge.
pretending to be sick to get out of work or school.

Remember: Pretend to be MAL so we can LINGER.

Question: You have vignettes with vinegar. What do you have?

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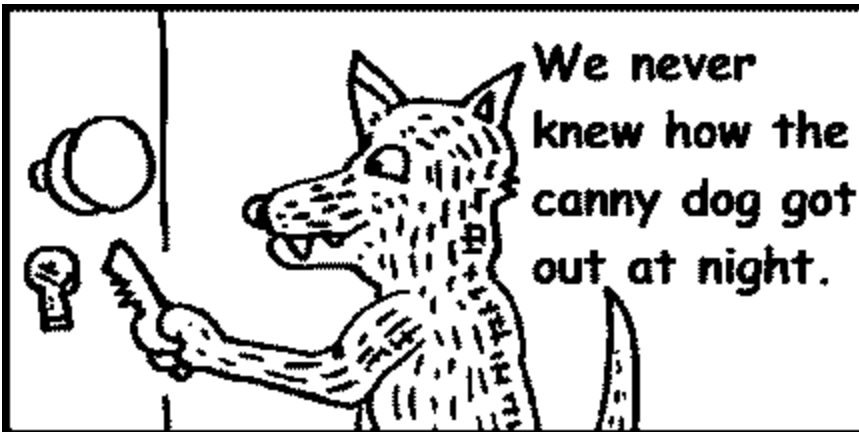


EGREGIOUS (ee-gre-jis) shocking; extreme;
glaring, offensive and egregious act.

Remember: OUTRAGEOUS.

Answer: You have short movies and vinegar. Vignette means a short movie.
You are enjoying vinegar while watching a movie.

Nov 11



CANNY (cane-nee) shrewd; astute; clever; clever and smart.

Remember: CAN do things.

Question: You are in a boat. You come upon a regale. Instead of a raincoat, you put on a shiny hat. Why?

Nov 12



TACITURN (tas-it-turn) silent; aloof; close-mouthed and not inclined to talking.

Remember: Use TACT until my TURN.

Answer: A regale is a party. You put on a party hat.

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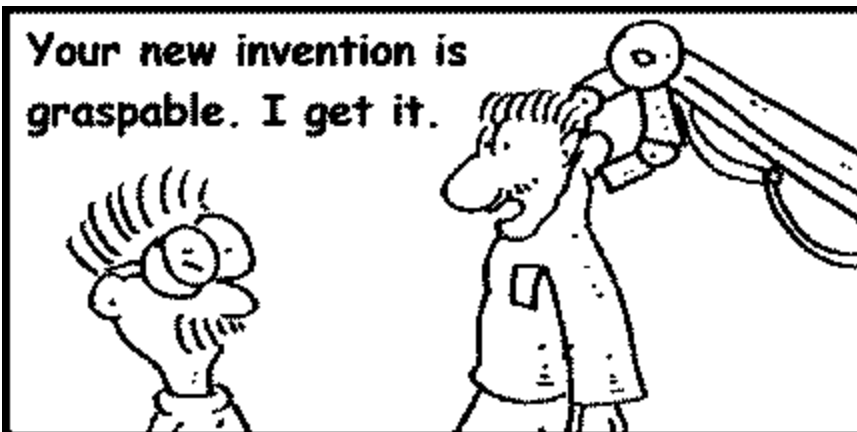


RETICENT (ret-tee-sent) silent; shy; hesitant; reluctant to speak.

Remember: RETIRE and SENT you away.

Question: How can a centipede be an antipode to an annelid? Tough question.

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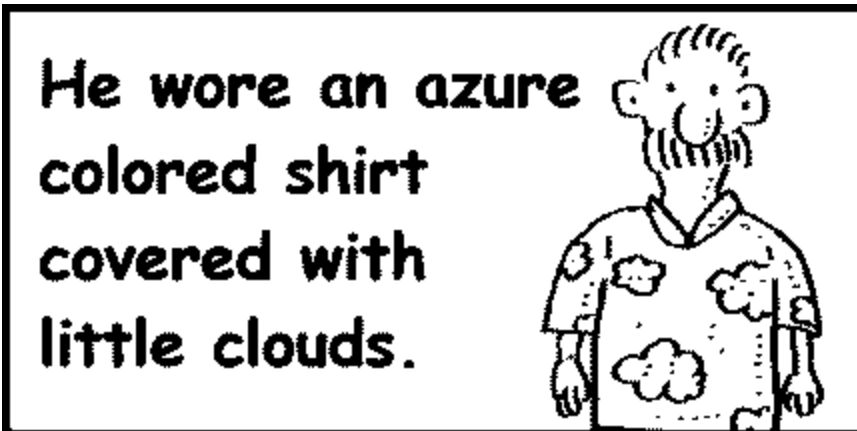


GRASPABLE (grasp-ah-bul) simple; obvious; clear; comprehensible and understandable.

Remember: GRASP we are ABLE for it is clear.

Answer: Antipode means opposite of. A centipede has legs. An annelid is a worm and has no legs. They are opposites in that way.

Nov 15



AZURE (ah-shore) sky; sapphire; blue; the colour of blue.

Remember: SHORE sits before blue water.

Question: Your aunt is an antonym to a woman. What is she to you?

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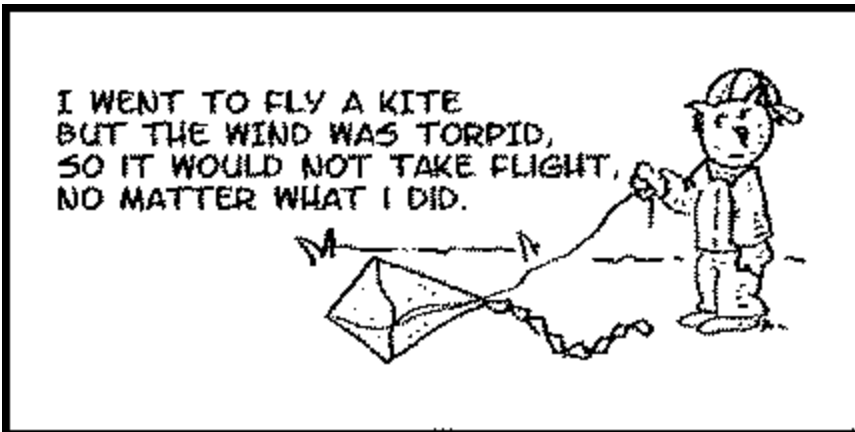


EDIFICE (ed-ee-face) skyscraper; monument; large Impressive building.

Remember: EDDY flows up the OFFICE.

Answer: Nothing. The woman is not related to you and your aunt is. They are antonyms to each other. Opposites.

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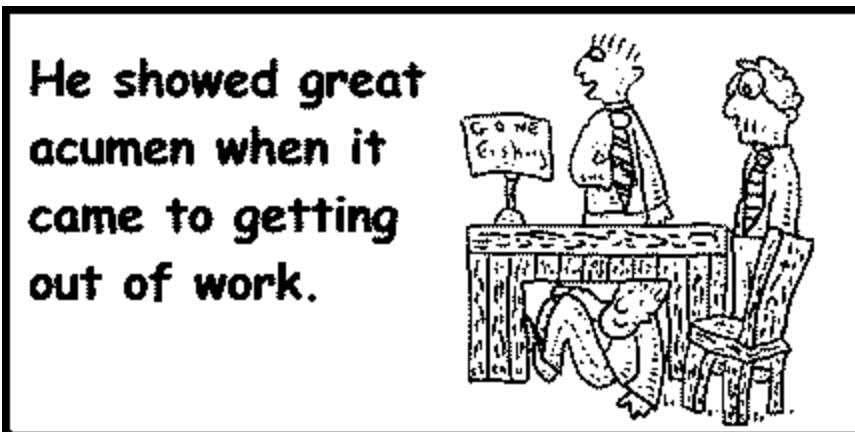


TORPID (tore-pid) sluggish; dormant; lazy; motionless and still.

Remember: TORE our PEDS and we cannot move.

Question: Your solution has great efficacy. Do I like it?

Nov 18



ACUMEN (ack-qew-men) smartness; brains; shrewdly able to make quick decisions.

Remember: ACUTE MEN are smart.

Answer: Yes. Your solution is good. Efficacy means being able to produce an effect.

Nov 19



PRIGGISH (prig-esh) smug; vain; stuffy; annoying person who likes petty rules.

Remember: PIGGISH when we annoy with rules.

Question: You are vociferous. You wear a florid hat. Why do they throw you out of the library?

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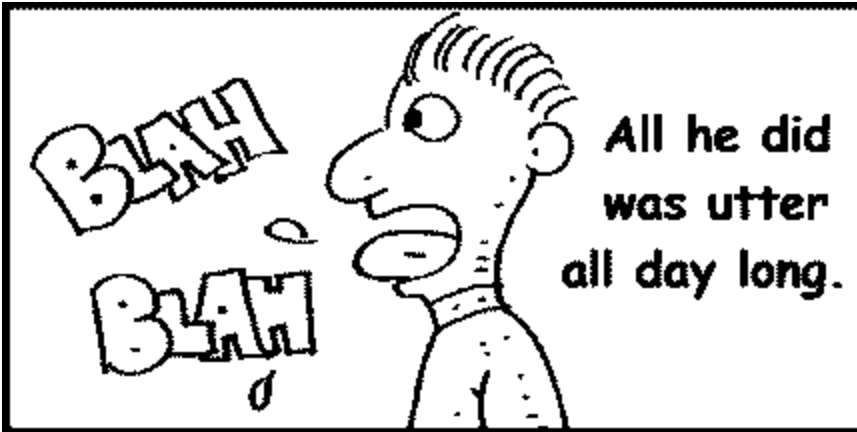


SODALITY (so-dahl-lit-tee) society; association; brotherhood of friends or comrades.

Remember: SODA in TOTALITY for all.

Answer: Vociferous means being loud and noisy. You are too noisy in the library.

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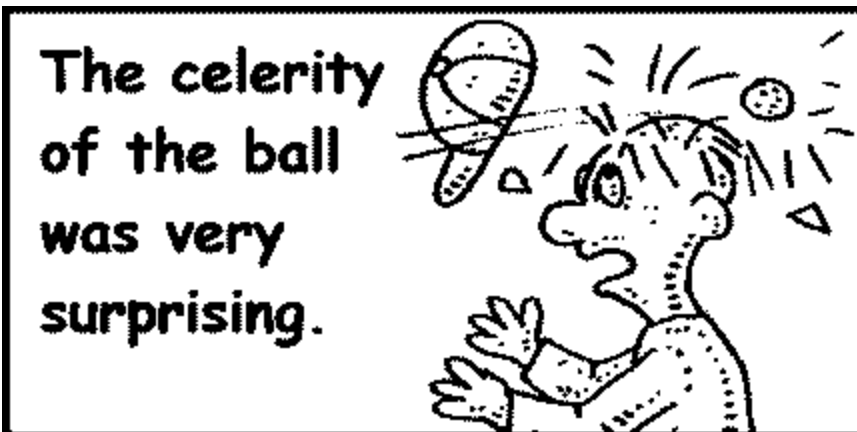


UTTER (ud-der) speak; talk; blurt; saying words incoherently.

Remember: MUTTER.

Question: You write: "The automobile license is acceptable." Why don't I understand what you wrote?

Nov 22



CELERITY (sel-ler-rit-tee) speed; hurry; haste; quickly moving.

Remember: ACCELERATE when fast.

Answer: The word is spelled "acceptable." I don't know what "acceptable" means. Just remember: Accept the table.

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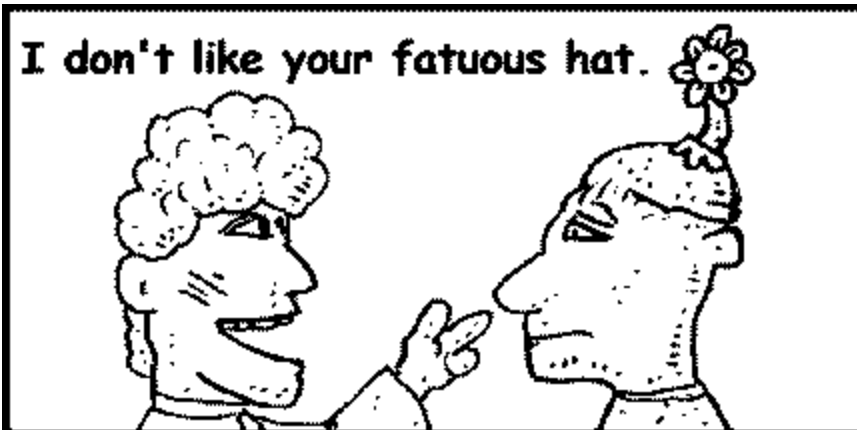


PROMENADE (prom-en-nayde) stroll; mall; boardwalk with a path.

Remember: PROM has LEMONADE to walk to.

Question: Can you use a magnet to lift up a magnate?

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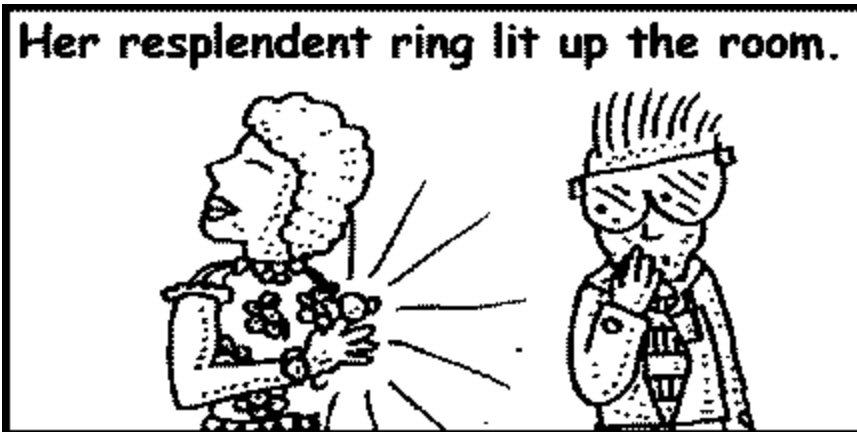


FATUOUS (fat-chew-us) stupid; silly; foolish; not understanding or dull witted.

Remember: Mind is FAT when said to US.

Answer: No. A magnate is an important person or a celebrity.

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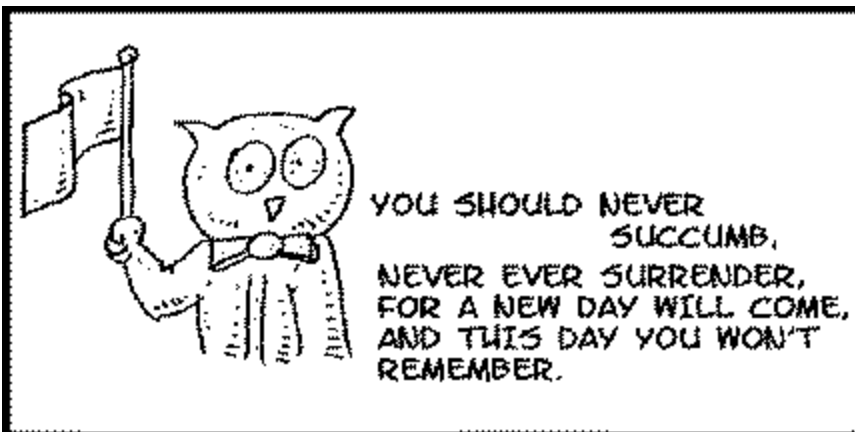


RESPLENDENT (re-splend-dant) sublime; glorious; gleaming and shining brilliantly.

Remember: RESPECT a SPLENDID thing.

Question: You drive your car on a long trip. Should you have a gascon with you?

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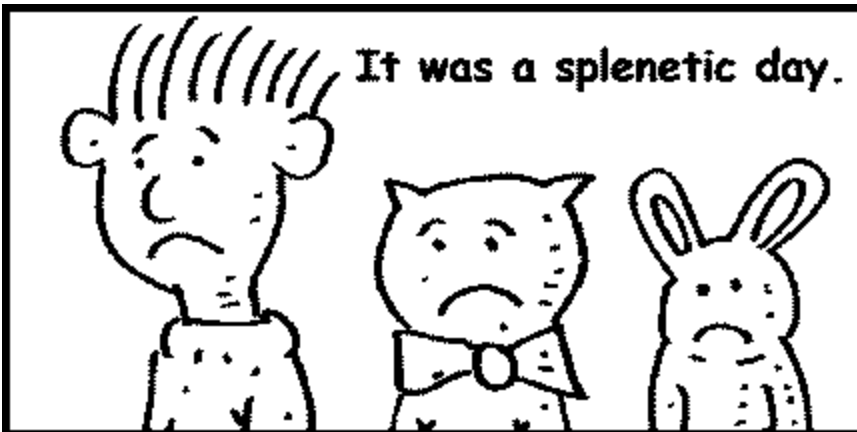


SUCCUMB (suk-come) submit; surrender; yield; making someone quit or admit defeat.

Remember: SUCCESS will COME later.

Answer: No. A braggart is not good company. A gascon is a boaster or someone who is a know-it-all.

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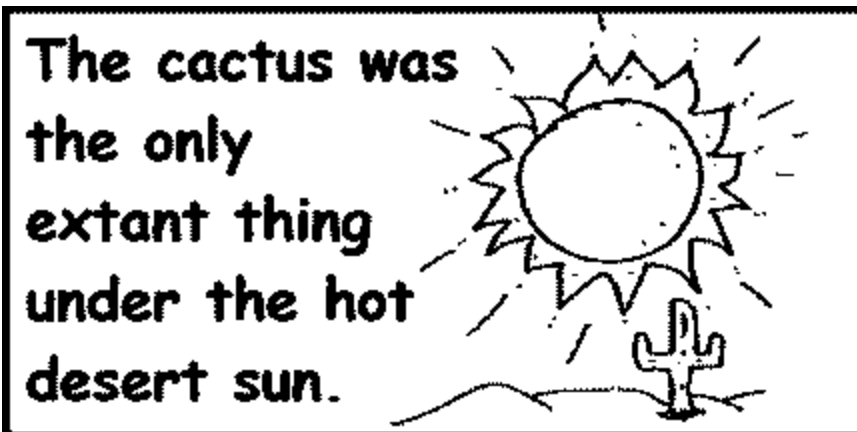


SPLENETIC (splen-net-tik) sullen; testy; spiteful; gloomy sadness.

Remember: SPLENDID until bothered by a TIC.

Question: You have an impressive John Hancock. What are you good at?

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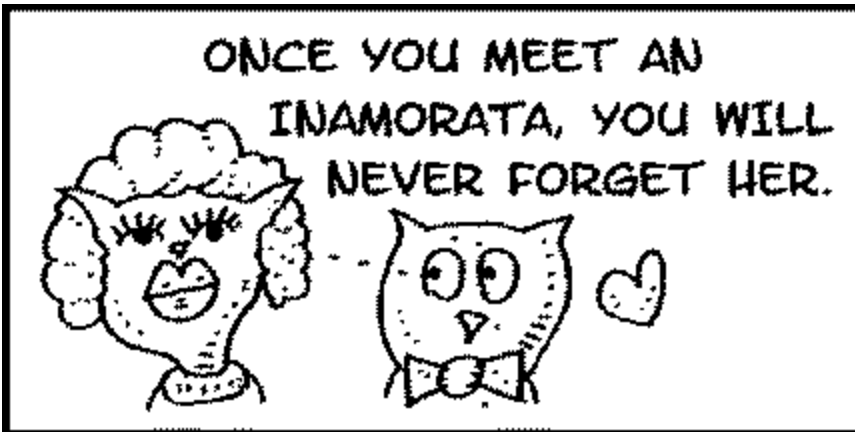


EXTANT (ex-tant) surviving; alive; living; existing over a long time.

Remember: EX TENT still exists.

Answer: Signing your name! Your John Hancock is your signature! A common phrase is "Put your John Hancock here."

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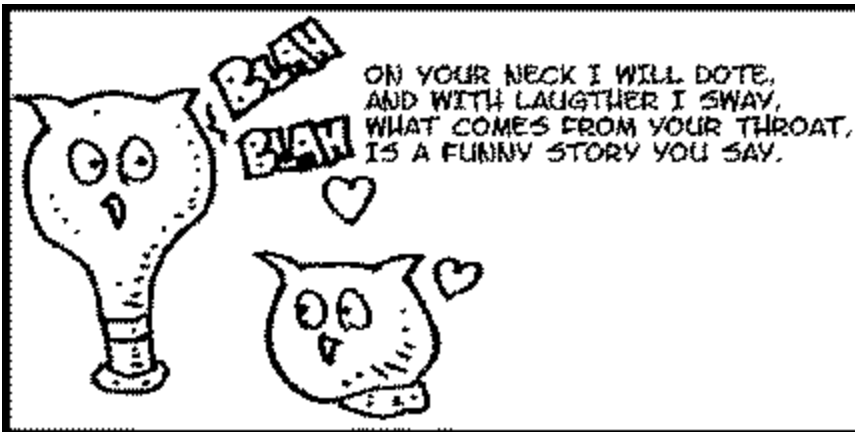


INAMORATA (in-nam-or-rat-ta) sweetheart; mistress and lover.

Remember: IN AMOUR.

Question: Can you outrun a snafu?

Nov 30



ANECDOTE (an-nek-dote) tale; episode; yarn; telling a short story about an amusing event.

Remember: A NECK makes us DOTE when it talks.

Answer: Yes. A snafu is a mistake. It does not run.

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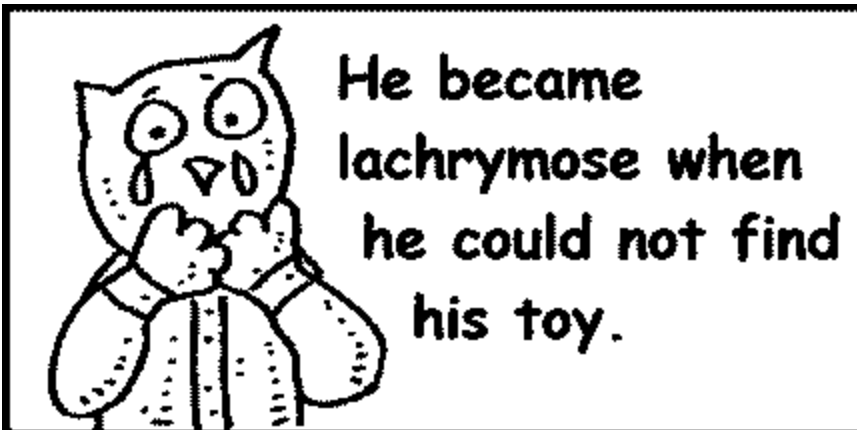


PARABLE (pa-ra-bil) teaching; tale; legend; teaching a moral lesson with a story.

Remember: PAR for a FABLE.

Question: Do you ever binge on bilge?

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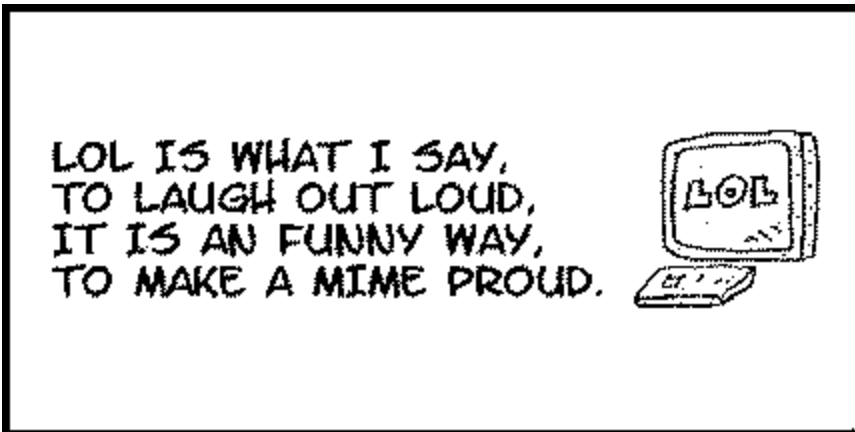


LACHRYMOSE (lak-ra-mowse) teary; weepy; sorrowful and crying easily.

Remember: CRY MUCH.

Answer: I hope not because bilge is trash.

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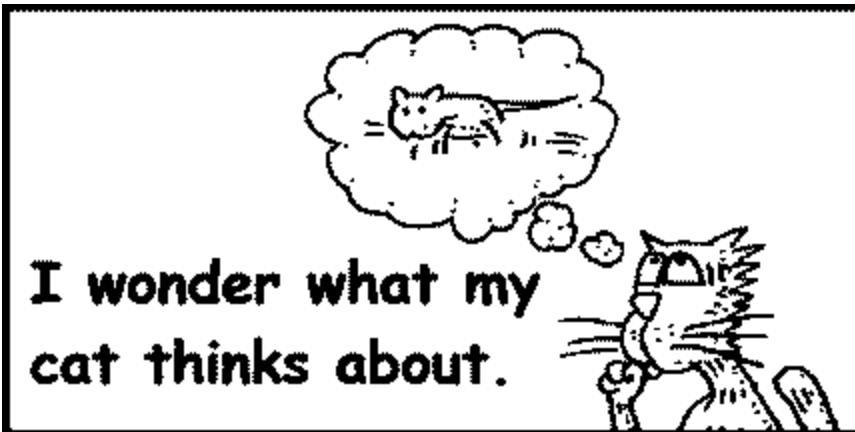


ARGOT (arg-goht) terminology; lingo; slang; vocabulary only understood by a group.

Remember: What you **ARGUE** I **GOT**.

Question: You're lying in a lounge chair. I espy you. Do you stop lounging?

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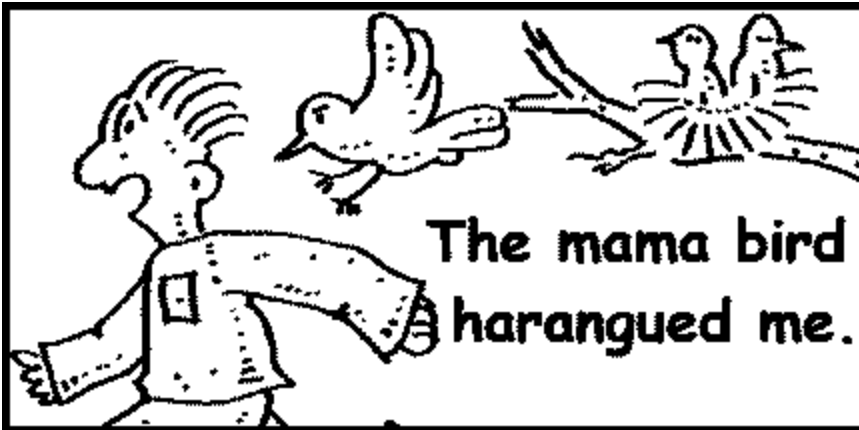


COGITATE (kog-gee-tayte) think; ponder; reflect; thinking hard and long about a problem.

Remember: A **COG** to **MEDITATE** about.

Answer: No. Espy means to see from a distance. You don't see me.

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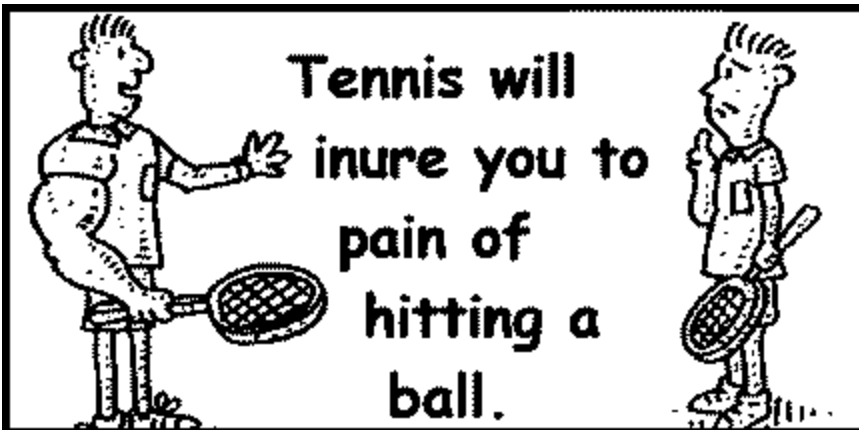


HARANGUE (har-rang) tirade; diatribe; scold; convincing someone by harassing them.

Remember: HARASS until they HANG on words.

Question: You are always coterminous when I come home. I don't mind because I like you. What are you doing?

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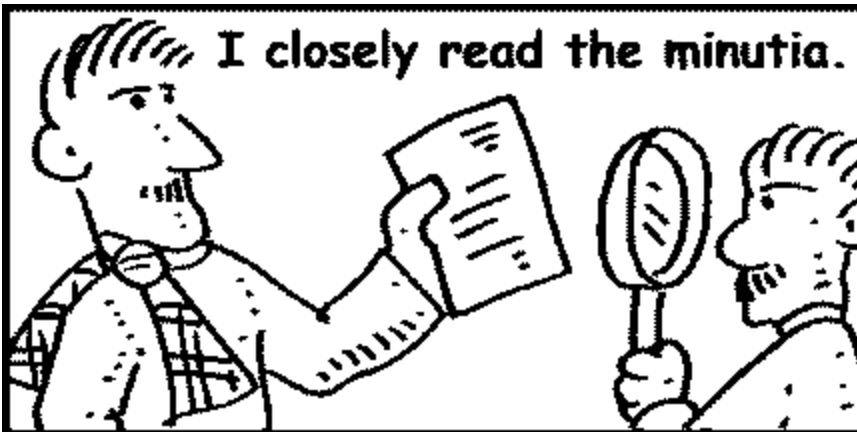


INURE (in-yer) train; toughen; harden; growing accustomed to hardship and pain.

Remember: ENDURE a hardship.

Answer: Being next to me. Coterminous means next to or near.

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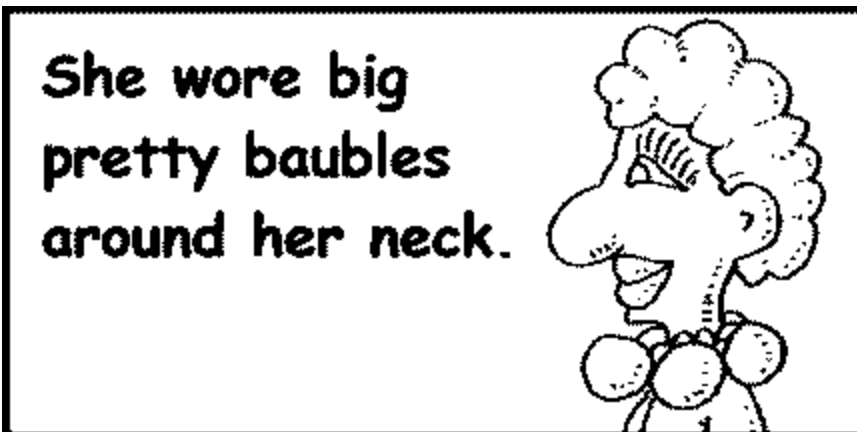


MINUTIA (min-noo-sha) trifle; minimal; trivial; small or unimportant details.

Remember: MINIMUM when it is TRIVIAL.

Question: Race car, kayak and toot. Something is very special about these words. The secret is in a mirror. What is the secret?

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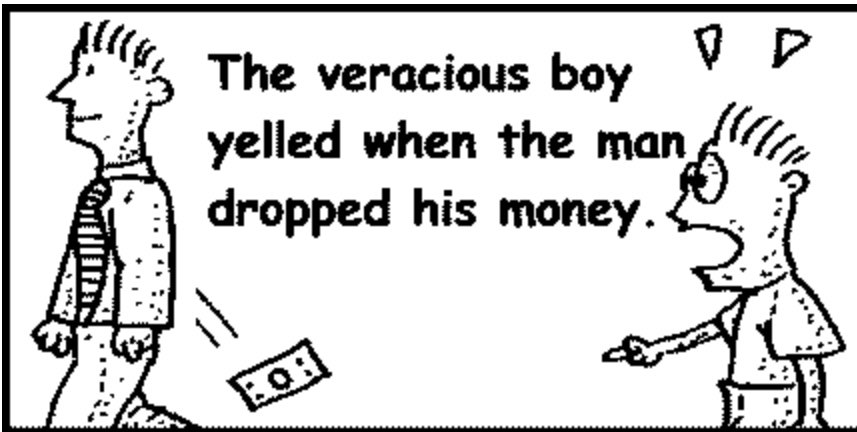


BAUBLE (baw-bul) trinket; ornament; trifle; cheap but beautiful jewellery.

Remember: BAW when your jewellery is BULL.

Answer: They are spelled the same way backwards or forwards.

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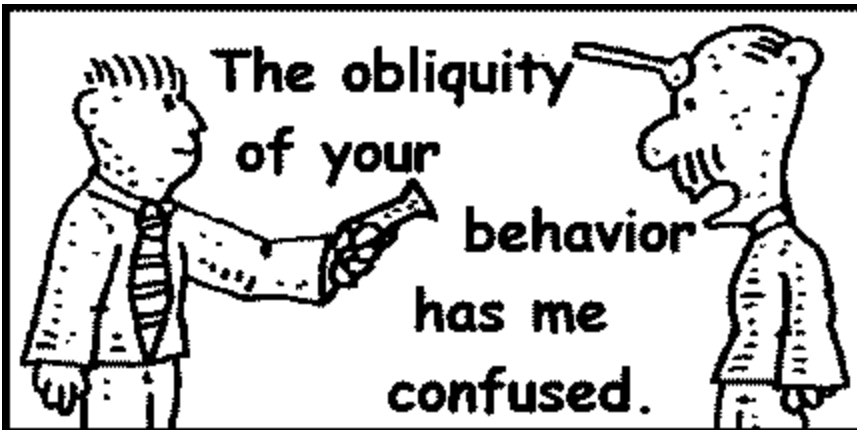


VERACIOUS (ver-ray-shus) truthful; credible; habitual ethical practice of honesty.

Remember: VERIFY truth for we are GRACIOUS.

Question: Your money is efflorescence. Are you happy?

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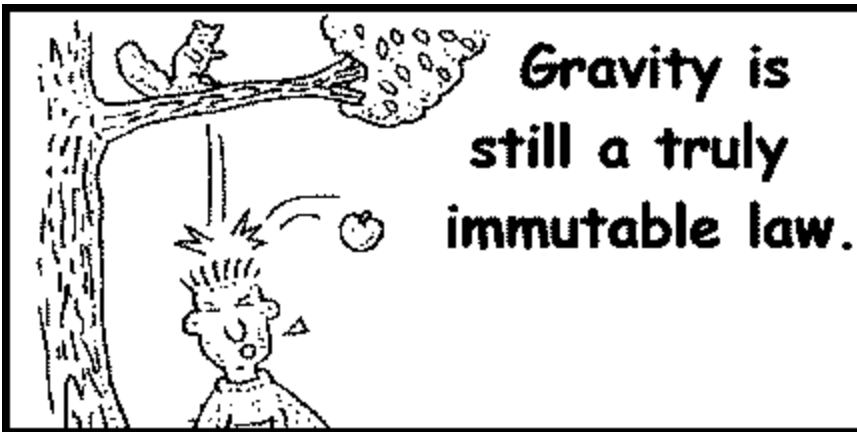


OBLIQUITY (ah-blik-qwit-tee) twist; slant; obscure; unclear and confusing beyond comprehension.

Remember: OBLIQUE when not clear to ME.

Answer: Yes! Efflorescence means to flower or grow.

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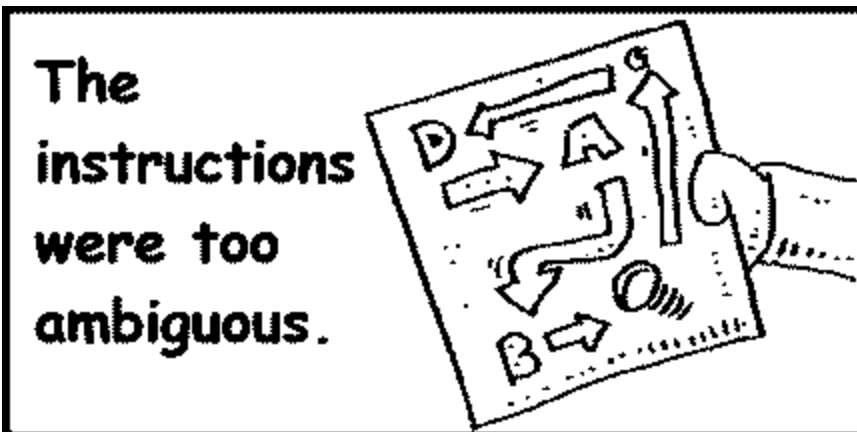


IMMUTABLE (im-mute-ah-bul) unalterable; permanent and unchangeable absolute.

Remember: MUTE for it is not ABLE to change.

Question: You had a garrulous chat. Did you enjoy it?

Dec 12



AMBIGUOUS (am-big-you-owse) unclear; vague; uncertain and puzzling because of many meanings.

Remember: I AM too BIG to understand.

Answer: No. Garrulous means talking about boring or trivial things. It was not a good chat.

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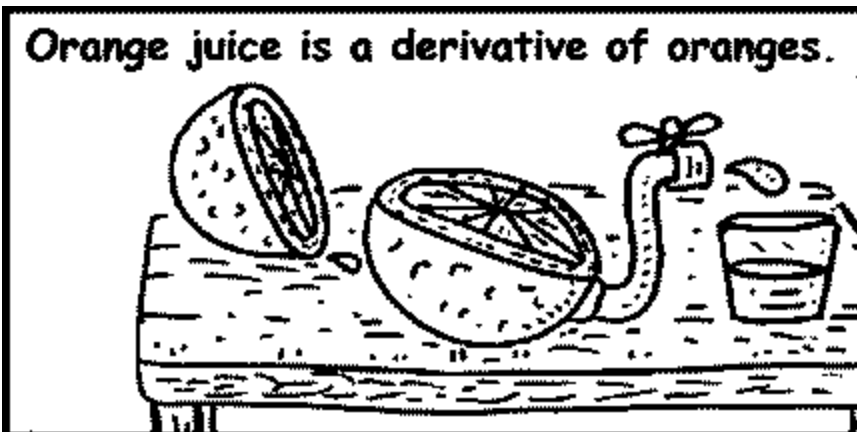


EVINCE (ee-vinse) uncloak; reveal; prove; proving a thing to be true.

Remember: CONVINCE.

Question: Everyone says your web page is too multifarious. It's not good. What should you do to make it better?

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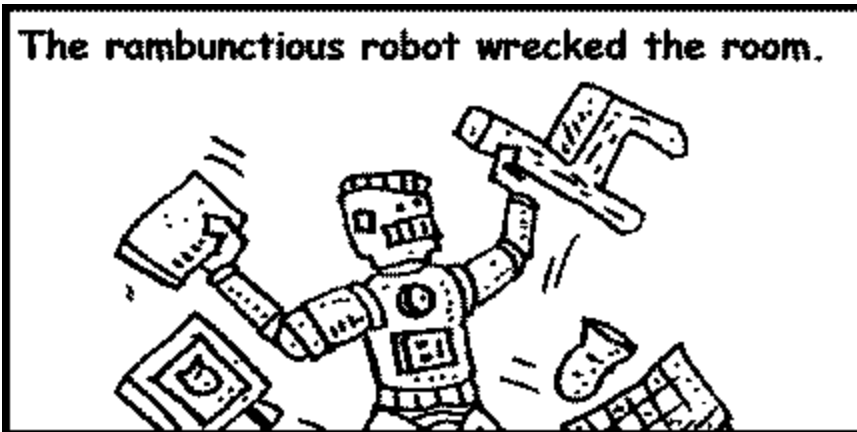


DERIVATIVE (dee-riv-ah-tiv) unoriginal; adapted; copied from a previous secondary version.

Remember: DERIVE the ACTIVE thing.

Answer: Make it simpler! Multifarious means having many different parts.

Dec 15



RAMBUNCTIOUS (ram-bunk-shus) unruly; rowdy; wildly loud and out of control.

Remember: RAM in a BUNK scares US.

Question: Your sister takes a turn at the cistern. What is she doing?

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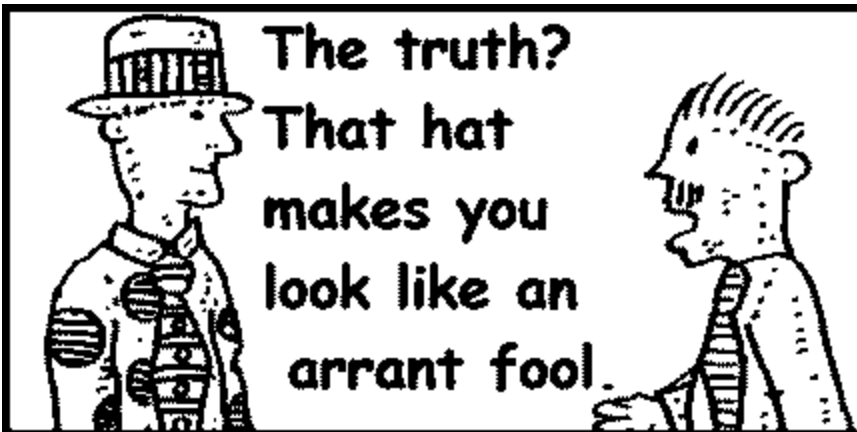


QUOTIDIAN (kwo-tid-ee-an) usual; routine; common repeated daily habit.

Remember: Meeting a QUOTA each DAY.

Answer: Drinking water from a vessel. (Pronounced) sis-turn. A cistern is a tank for holding water or other liquids.

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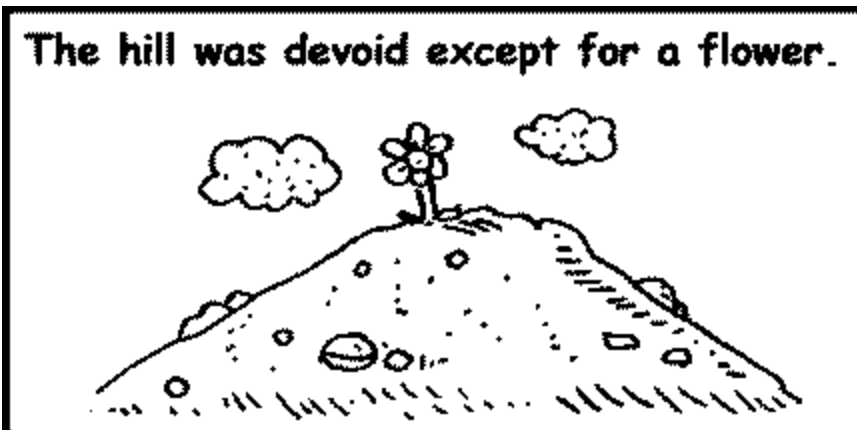


ARRANT (air-rant) utter; total; completely or entirely absolute.

Remember: ARE RANT for it is total.

Question: I am going to inculcate you. You will like it. What will I do to you?

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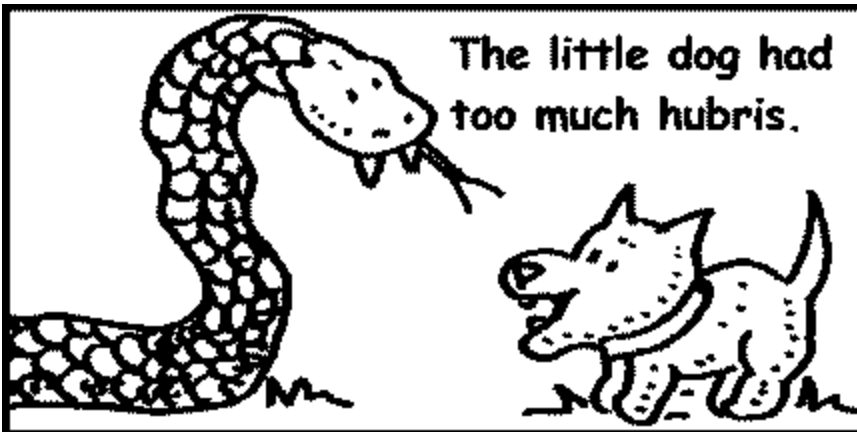


DEVOID (dee-voyd) vacant; barren; empty; bare and lacking.

Remember: THE VOID is vacant.

Answer: It means that I am going to teach you persistently and earnestly. Inculcate is pronounced: In-kul-kayt

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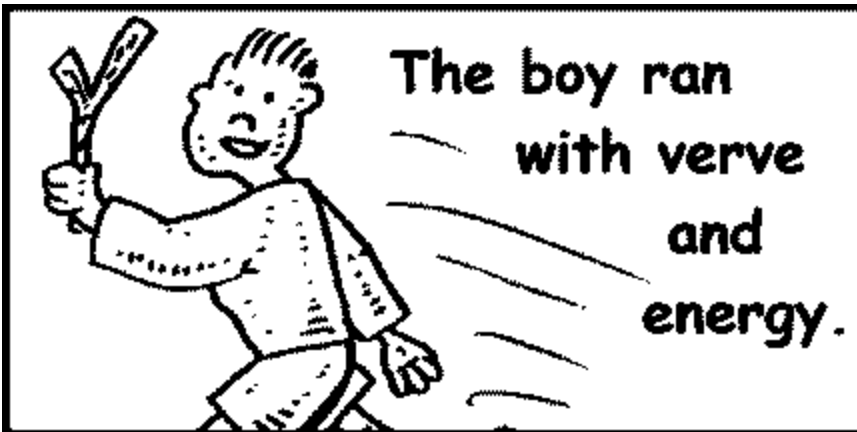


HUBRIS (you-bris) vanity; pride; arrogance; exaggerated confidence.

Remember: YOU BRISTLE with confidence.

Question: Your house is capacious! What kind of house do you have?

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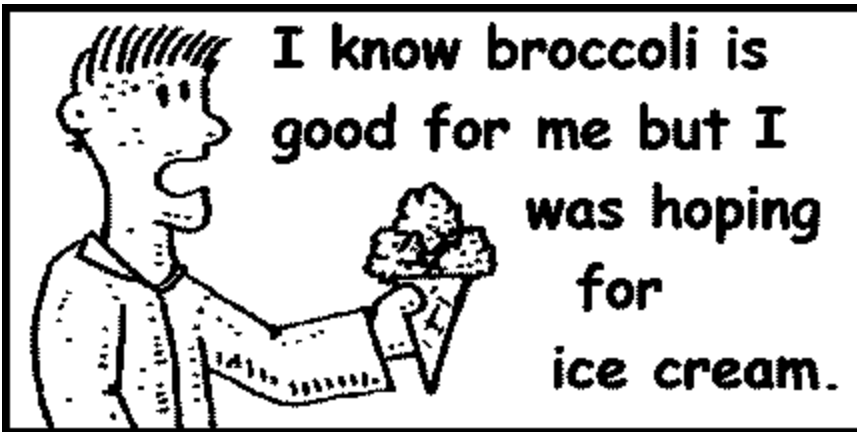


VERVE (verv) vitality; gusto; vigour; acting with great energy.

Remember: NERVE when we have energy.

Answer: You have a spacious house. It is big and roomy. Remember: Capacious sounds like spacious.

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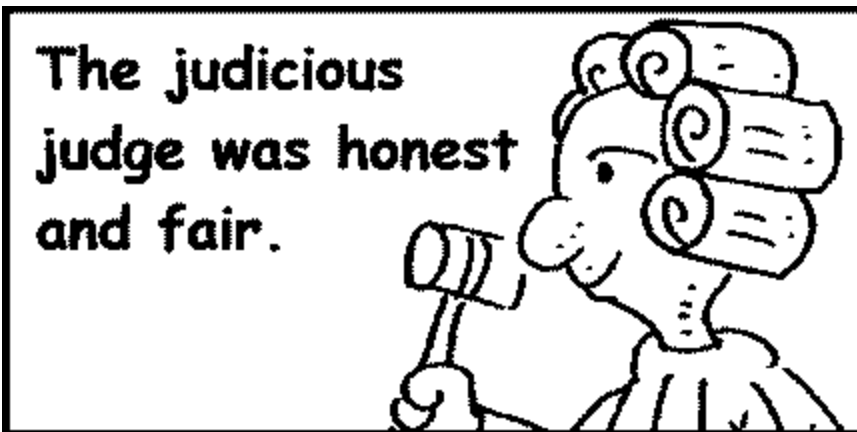


SALUTARY (sal-you-tare-ee) wholesome; healing; nourishing and beneficial to health.

Remember: SALUTE and enjoy the AIRY day.

Question: I see a vestige of a loaf of bread. What do I probably see?

Dec 22



JUDICIOUS (ju-dish-ish) wise; Sober; Sane; reasonable and fair.

Remember: A good JUDGE.

Answer: Crumbs. A vestige is evidence that something existed and no longer exists.

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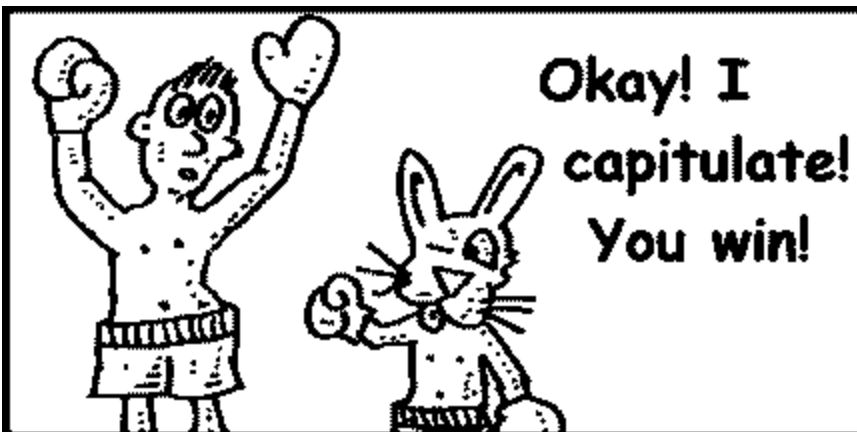


HALLOO (hal-lew) yell; cry; scream; loud hollering or shouting.

Remember: HAIL YOU to look.

Question: You are reading my paraphrase right now. What are you reading?

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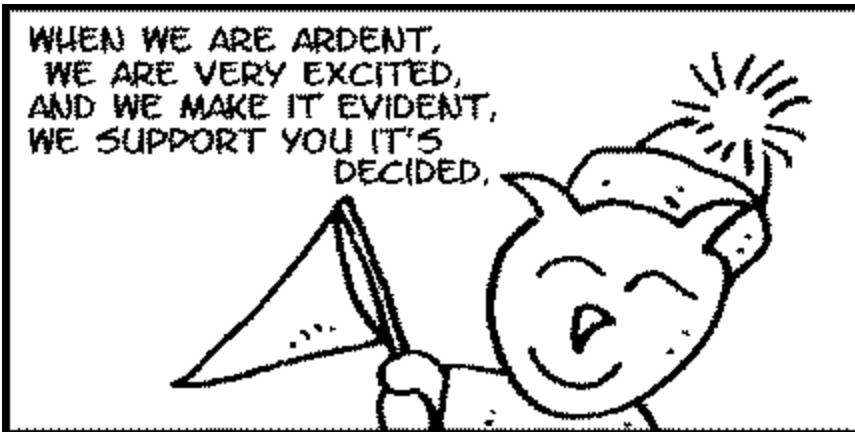


CAPITULATE (kah-pit-chew-layte) yield; quit; surrendering and relenting to a foe.

Remember: CAPITAL too LATE to win.

Answer: You are reading a sentence written in a clearer way. Paraphrase means to reword something to clarify it.

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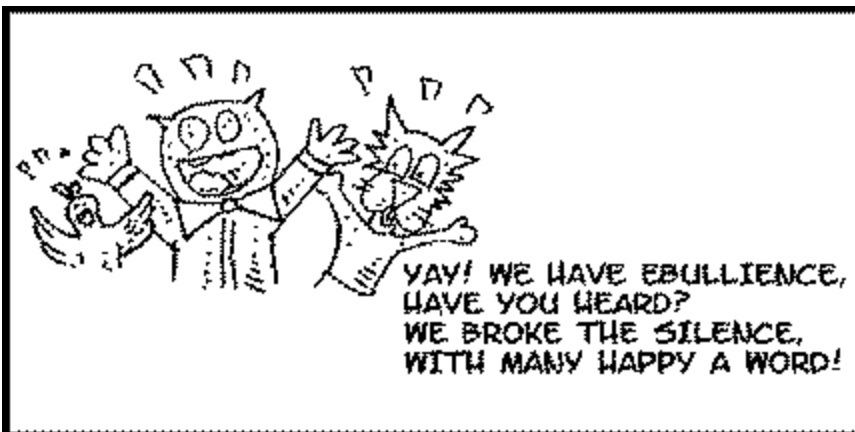


ARDENT (ar-dent) zealous; eager; passionate; fan or enthusiastic supporter.

Remember: ARE making a DENT for they are eager.

Question: Why is an ant, procreant?

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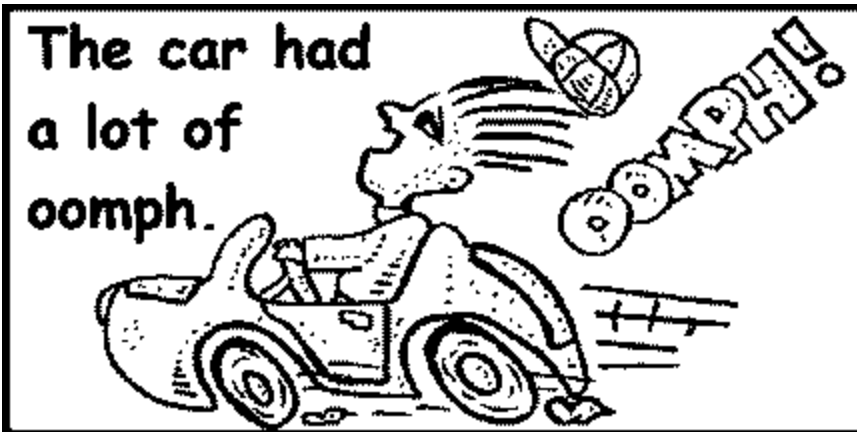


EBULLIENCE (ee-bul-yents) zest; elation; overflowing with exuberance and happiness.

Remember: BULLHORN breaks the SILENCE.

Answer: An ant procreates well. They make more ants quickly.

Dec 27



OOMPH (oomf) zing; dash; pep; energy and zest.

Remember: OHM is a measure of energy.

Question: You make bathos in a bathtub. What did you do?

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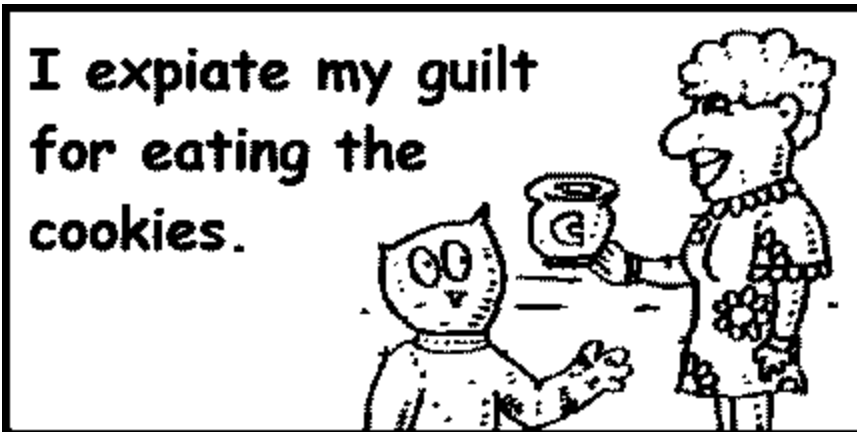


SUPERFLUOUS (soo-pa-flew-us) unneeded; excessively large amount.

Remember: SUPER FLUID.

Answer: You made a crude joke. Bathos is switching from talking in a high-class way to a low-class way.

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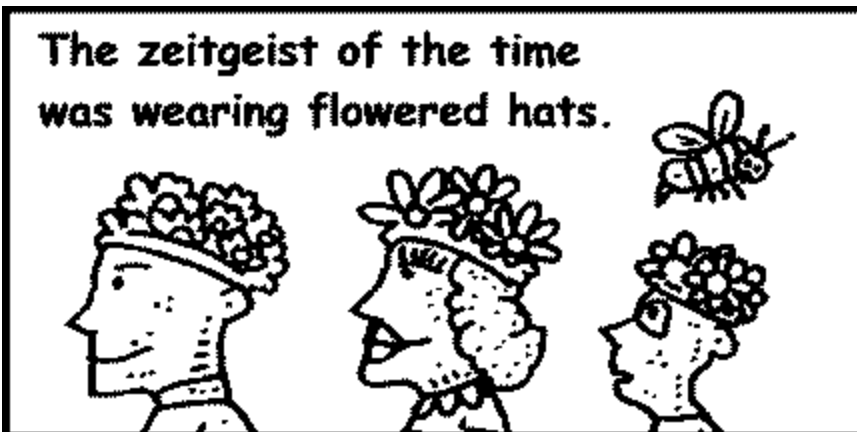


EXPIATE (ex-pee-ate) atone; amend; absolve; seeking forgiveness for a guilty action.

Remember: EX PAST so I apologize.

Question: I bring a conundrum. The band stops playing and listens to me. Why does the band look confused?

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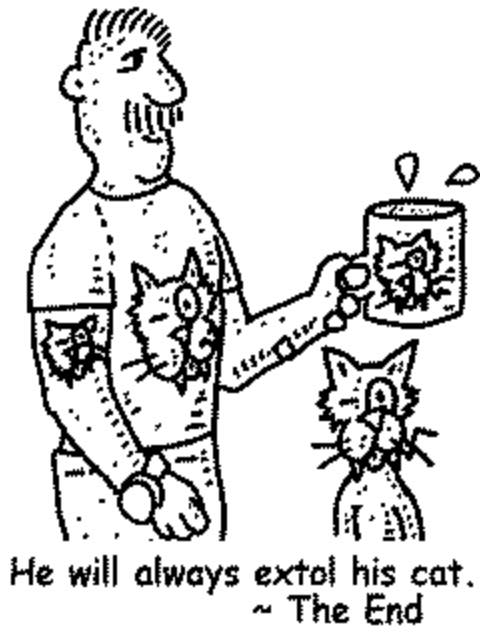


ZEITGEIST (zite-guyst) attitude; outlook; characteristics representing the spirit of a time.

Remember: SITE GHOST.

Answer: A conundrum is a riddle. It makes no music. The band is puzzled by my riddle.

Dec 31



EXTOL

(ex-toll) bless; glorify; laud;
praising a person or a thing.

Remember: EXCELLENT TOLL of you.

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